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RESTAURANT ANDREW FAIRLIE VOTED THE BEST RESTAURANT IN THE UK IN THE SUNDAY TIMES TOP 100 RESTAURANT'S FOOD LIST - IN ASSOCIATION WITH HARDENS.

THE SUNDAY TIMES:

Andrew Fairlie's 50-cover restaurant has steadily risen in stature since he arrived at Gleneagles 11 years ago. The establishment came seventh in last year's **Sunday Times Food List**, and eighth the year before. The ambitious chef puts his success down to concentrating on good food rather than gimmicks and fads. He says: "Our customers like that we have evolved without going off and following trends. Some new techniques I can use, but with others I just think 'no'. It's about having confidence in your menu."

The Sunday Times Food List ranks Britain's top 100 restaurants strictly by the quality of their food, and is compiled from marks and comments from real diners. This year's list has been compiled from over 75,000 individual reports.

Karen Robinson, Editor of **The Sunday Times Food List**, says "Andrew Fairlie's insistence on using the finest ingredients, available from local Scottish hillsides and waters, and the way he introduces exotic influences while never blindly following trends, make his food exceptional. And he's disproved the commonly held belief that golf and good food don't mix.

"His top placing also shows that high class food is a nationwide phenomenon now, not just an exclusive experience for London foodies. In fact, seven of *The Sunday Times* top 100 are in Scotland."

Quote from Andrew Fairlie

"In a country with such a rapidly expanding list of great restaurants, this is a real honour and actually quite humbling. The award is all the more meaningful as it is really difficult to get recognition at this level outside London - apparently we are the first restaurant North of Oxford to even reach the top five.

I put this success down to our determination to be consistent in service and in cooking, and to not being distracted by fads. We also have a superb family of dedicated and loyal suppliers who bring us the very best that Scotland has to offer.

This is really a testament to the hard work of my brilliantly talented and loyal team, and our efforts to constantly improve and move forward. It couldn't come at a better time after such an exceptionally busy year."

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