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Fergus Wilford, Sous Chef, Cliveden House

COMPETITION WIN AT THE RESTAURANT SHOW FOR CLIVEDEN'S FERGUS WILFORD

Fergus Wilford, Sous Chef at Cliveden House in Berkshire, took top prize yesterday winning the Kikkoman Masters 2018, which was held in the Competition Theatre, at The Restaurant Show, Olympia, London.

The ten finalists competing in this highly regarded competition were required to devise a two-course menu, and had 90-minutes to prepare their dishes in front of a live audience at the Restaurant Show. Fergus's award-winning menu comprised: Soy Marinated Mackerel with Cucumber Wasabi, Fennel Slaw and a Ponzu Dressing, followed by Koji Aged Duck Breast Poached in Master Stock, Butternut Squash and Fermented King Oyster Mushrooms.

Chair of the judges, David Mulcahy said: “Each year the standard of entries gets better and better and this year was no exception. We have seen an increase in many unusual ingredients and the final 10 chefs have produced some inspirational dishes.”

Commenting on the award, Cliveden House’s Executive Head Chef André Garrett said: I am immensely proud of Fergus, this is a great achievement and a well-deserved win, it shows his tenacity and drive and the winning prize of a week-long Chef’s trip to Japan will be invaluable for his career development.

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Cliveden House is a five-star luxury hotel; the building is owned by the National Trust and operated under a long lease arrangement by the owners of Chewton Glen, Iconic Luxury Hotels. Less than 45 minutes west of London and 20 minutes from London Heathrow Airport, the hotel has 47 spacious rooms and suites in the main mansion plus Spring Cottage, a summerhouse on the banks of the River Thames, together with boathouse and boats, newly opened luxurious spa and a range of sporting and leisure facilities. The André Garrett Restaurant is complemented by the relaxed informality of The Astor Grill, together with a range of private dining, banqueting and meeting facilities. Cliveden is unique, the setting, architecture and interiors all speak eloquently of extraordinary extravagance and remarkable refinement. There is a palpable sense of history for this is a house that for over 350 years has been dedicated to the pursuit of pleasure, power and politics.

Cliveden House is a member of Iconic Luxury Hotels, a collection of England’s finest iconic hotels which also includes Chewton Glen in the New Forest, 11 Cadogan Gardens in the heart of Chelsea and The Lygon Arms in the Cotswolds. Each property has its own character but they share a common commitment to delivering outstanding experiences.