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Budapest Welcomes Fourth Michelin Star Restaurant

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After being open for just six months, Tanti Restaurant, in Buda is the latest Hungarian restaurant to receive a Michelin-star from the 34th Michelin Guide. The restaurant opened in 2014 and has quickly become an important focal point on Budapest's gastro map, with chef, Mr István Pesti, bringing beautiful design, fusion, and paired-back tastes to his food. Michelin Guide's editor, Rebecca Burr praised its "great cooking and simple artistry" and said "This is a stylish modern restaurant and the kitchen delivers 'clean', fresh flavours and shows a real understanding of ingredients."

Tanti is Budapest's fourth Michelin-starred restaurant joining Costes, Onyx and Borkonyha (WineKitchen). The winds of change have swept through Hungarian kitchens over the past few years, and even though Hungarians love traditional flavours, chefs are producing fresh creations and giving a modern twist to their food. Budapest especially is becoming renowned for its food scene and gastronomy is now a big draw for visitors to the city. For more information visit<u>www.tanti.hu</u>

New 5* Aria Hotel Budapest

The luxurious 5* Aria Hotel Budapest opened in March 2015, and is the first boutique hotel to open in Hungary as part of the Library Hotel Collection, a unique group of hotels that started in New York. The 52-room Aria Hotel in Budapest will have a similar concept to the Library Hotel, New York; however, instead of rooms dedicated to different book themes, the rooms are dedicated to different artists or composers. The four wings of Aria Hotel are each dedicated to Jazz, Opera, Classical, or Contemporary music, plus the Aria features an incredible music library of books, videos, and CDs for the guests' exploration and enjoyment.

Bringing a new style of hotel to the city centre of Budapest, the hotel combines luxury with generous amenities and guest-focused unpretentious service. The hotel's theme blends the passion for music and beautiful architecture that Budapest is known for, paying homage to some of the world's greatest artists and composers. Room prices include buffet breakfast served in the Music Garden Courtyard, complimentary afternoon wine and cheese reception, complimentary bottled water, tea and coffee throughout the day, selection of free international newspapers and free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel. Room rates start from €195 per night (exclusive of taxes) based on two people sharing a double room. For more information visit www.ariahotelbudapest.com

MasterCard Balaton Sound – Electronic Music Festival 9-12 July 2015

Billed as the best beach party in Europe, MasterCard Balaton Sound turns Zamárdi, a small town on the southern shores of **Lake Balaton** into a massive party arena. This year it's taking place from 9-12 July 2015 and party goers will be treated to some of the best dance and electronic music around with guests including Tiësto, voted the greatest DJ of all time by Mixmag, British electronica group, Faithless, young DJ **Oliver Heldens**, Hardwell, Nicky Romero, Afrojack and many more all-star acts. The event attracts approximately 100,000 to see these leading acts and enjoy the seaside atmosphere of Lake Balaton, complete with seaside lounges, restaurants and bars. Four day tickets are available from €150 for the four day festival and day tickers from €33 to €50 per day, depending on the day. For more information and to buy tickets visit <u>www.sziget.hu/balatonsound_english</u>

Step into a Hollywood Film Set at the Korda FilmPark

Offering a new experience for film lovers, the Korda Filmpark is the first movie-themed visitor's center in Central-Eastern Europe, located 30 kilometers from Budapest, in Etyek. The Filmpark can be found amongst the stages and backlot sets of Korda Studios, where international feature films such as *Hellboy 2: The Golden Army* and *Season of the Witch*, and TV mega-productions *The Borgias* and *World Without End* have been filmed. Individuals and groups can visit the Korda FilmPark throughout the year. During the two-hour exhibition and studio tour Filmpark guides will show you the history and tricks of filmmaking, and a behind-the-scenes look at a film studio. After the tour visitors can enjoy a meal with the film crews at the restaurant, and visit our souvenir shop. The Korda Filmpark is open Wednesday to Sunday (10am to 6pm), closed Monday and Tuesday. For more information visit <u>www.kordafilmpark.hu</u>

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