Tom Kerridge to Open First London Restaurant

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Tom Kerridge has announced plans to open his first London restaurant situated on the ground floor of the Corinthia Hotel in Westminster. The current restaurant within the hotel will close in June for the transition to take place with luxury interior design specialists in charge of converting the space into a relaxed British brasserie-style restaurant by Tom Kerridge.

After planning to launch his debut London restaurant at The Rib Room at Jumeirah Carlton Tower last year, Kerridge has had to alter his plans which means that we will now see him open at a different venue. Thomas Kichs, Corinthia's hotel managing director explained that they have been looking to provide their guests with the true British hospitality experience. Speaking on why he thought Tom was the ideal fit to achieve this: “When we met Tom, we knew he was the perfect partner to open a restaurant together. We admire his approach to food, restaurants and his spirit of hospitality. I am confident that together we will create an incredible dining experience.”

The news comes only a few months after Tom's most recent opening, The Butcher's Tap in Marlow, opened in November. His impressive portfolio also contains the Michelin-starred pub, The Coach and the two-Michelin starred restaurant, The Hand and Flowers. These restaurants have proven Tom's ability to produce down-to-earth ideas in a luxurious and unique way. Interiors have included **bespoke menu boards** created by Smart Hospitality Supplies which add to the rustic simplicity of his brand. Because of the quality of The Shed at The Hand and Flowers, guests must book 6 months in advance to get a table.

Corinthia previously worked with Italian chef, Massimo Riccioli, at the site until they parted company in 2012. The hotel has been running the restaurant since then. Tom's new restaurant will run alongside Corinthia's Northall restaurant. With both ventures offering British menus, it is almost certain that Kerridge's addition will bring an extra flair to the hotel's hospitality.

The new restaurant is set to be open in September and is due to take inspiration from his current restaurants with elements that are luxurious yet down-to-earth. Tom Kerridge has spoken out about his exhilaration for the new project: “We are incredibly excited about this opportunity to bring a bit of what we are doing in Marlow to London. Corinthia Hotel London is one of London’s most prestigious hotels, and we are looking forward to doing what we do best – quality British cooking that is modern and exciting.” This plays perfectly in to Corinthia's ideas for what they are looking to offer and it is looking like it may well be the perfect pairing.

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