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## BEST SUNDAY BRUNCH

(Voted by the American School in Warsaw)

### Sheraton Hotel

ul. B. Prusa 2, www.sheraton.pl

While their casual restaurant is called SomePlace Else, the Sheraton might consider a change of name to Something for Everyone – for certainly that is what makes their Sunday Brunch so stunning. From elegant international cuisine for the adults to loads of kid-fare (as Buzz Lightyear would say: to chicken nuggets and beyond!), prepare to truly feast your Sunday afternoon away.

Start with the amuse bouche appetizers familiar to anyone who has been to a reception there. Check out the clever twist on a Polish staple – *galaretki* in oversized shotglasses, but with flavors and suspended delicacies that are borderless. Proceed to the fresh oysters and deconstructed salads, consisting of long plates of vegetables and toppings separated to retain freshness with suggested dressings and sauces to the side. No soggy here.

The Sheraton Brunch encourages meandering among their three restaurants. Feeling like Asian? The sushi station is set up in the hallway, with the aroma of fresh oriental mains beckoning exploration. How about Tex-Mex? Fajitas, tortilla wraps, and fusion bar food reward the adventurous. Plenty of good old-fashion tasty European chow awaits in The Olive Restaurant. Who says you cannot mix your culinary geography?

Most other brunches suffer from cauldrons of food simmering and soaking far too long. Sheraton avoids this by custom cooking their fish, setting out buffet servings in smaller bowls, offering greater diversity than usual and keeping their waitstaff hopping resupplying the stock. All to Sergei's soothing and classy piano accompaniment. But heed the warning – leave room for dessert! (PR)

#### OTHER NOMINEES

**Boathouse** ul. Wał Miedzeszyński 389A, www.boathouse.pl **Hilton** ul. Grzybowska 63, www.warsaw.hilton.com **Intercontinental** ul Emilii Plater 49, www.warsaw.intercontinental.com **LemonGrass** Al. Ujazdowskie 8, www.lemongrass.waw.pl **Westin** Al. Jana Pawła II 21, www.westin.pl



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## BEST PEOPLE WATCHING

(voted on facebook.com/warsawinsider)

### Charlotte

Pl. Zbawiciela, www.bistrocharlotte.com

Charlotte has many good things going but it's just not going to win the award as the best hangout for heart-to-heart chitchats. Why? Because it's Mission Impossible to maintain eye contact with your opposite number. Instead, find your eyes straying around to spy, furtively or openly, on all the forms of life that come here: celeb-watchers, for instance, will be pleased to know that a pal reported sitting at a table next to Ms. Aneta Kreglicka, the former Ms. Poland and Ms. World – there you go, the clientele here is a few notches more upscale than the hipster gang at the Nowy Wspaniały Świat café. We've checked out the vantage points from numerous different angles, and found that you can't go wrong wherever your chair is – provided you get one, for Charlotte gets congested with people you want to watch. (KC)

#### OTHER NOMINEES

**Beirut** ul. Poznańska 12 **Cafe Vincent** ul. Nowy Świat 64 **Hard Rock Café** ul. Złota 59, www.hardrock.com **Latem Bar** Rynek Starego Miasta 8 **Między Nami** ul. Bracka 20, www.miedzynami-cafe.com

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