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BEST BUSINESS VENUE

(voted by the BPCC)

Belvedere

ul. Agrykoli 1, www.belvedere.com.pl
Picture this: the CEO is in town and the evening meal is left in your hands. There's no room for error, and the last thing you need is a clattering waiter or a rogue cut of beef. Well, promotion awaits with a trip down the Belvedere. A venue of some distinction, this former orangery stares out across the immaculate lawns of Łazienki, with plant-heavy interiors adding an ethereal quality that improves with the food. Mixing up elements of fusion with molecular, and the orient with Polish, Adam Komar's menu is both innovative and historic. (AW)

OTHER NOMINEES

99 Al. Jana Pawła II 23, www.restaurant99.com
Butchery & Wine ul. Żurawia 22, www.butcheryandwine.pl
Joseph's ul. Duchnicka 3, www.josephswineandfood.pl
Mielżyński ul. Burakowska 5/7, www.mielzynski.pl
Sakana Various locations, www.sakana.pl
San Lorenzo Al. Jana Pawła II 36, www.sanlorenzo.pl



BEST NEWCOMER

(voted on facebook.com/warsawinsider)

Charlotte

Pl. Zbawiciela, www.bistrocharlotte.com

Less than a year ago, this was the locale of a not too appetising and stinky fishmonger shop. Now refitted as a boulangerie-café with a wine bar gig, Charlotte feels like it has always been here. It feels like it belongs to Pl. Zbawiciela. The old floor tiles, retro ceiling fans and lamps gel perfectly with the sturdy, long communal table that reminds of a French country kitchen. Outside, the graffiti on the colonnades throws in a sense of edgy grandeur. Meanwhile, the customers seem to have coordinated their attire and attitude to give Charlotte an air of innocuous snootiness.

It is already the haunt for exhibitionists and voyeurs alike. Of course, while the location, design and people factor help, Charlotte would have fizzled out without solid stuffing. The baguette and country-style loaves from the onsite bakery taste as good as they look. Your breadbasket comes with a jar of all-you-can-eat chocolate paste and more solid bites come in form of eggy breakfast sets and warm snacks. There are more good things to come as Charlotte has finally beefed up its wine list.

Despite the recurrent complaints about the slow service, on the whole the staff is amicably attitude-free. In fact, all the signs are there that Charlotte has the staying power to outlast transient moods, and the fact that it won by a landslide vote – in spite of the huge names it was up against – install this place as a hot favorite to be winning awards for years to come. (KC)

OTHER NOMINEES

Butchery & Wine ul. Żurawia 22, www.butcheryandwine.pl
Beirut ul. Poznańska 12
Flaming & Co ul. Mokotowska 28, flaming-co.pl
Joseph's Wine & Food ul. Duchnicka 3, www.josephswineandfood.pl
Na Zielnej ul. Zielna 37, www.nazielnej.pl
Nowa Kuznia ul. Stanisława Kostki-Potockiego 24, www.nowakuznia.pl