



JOHN BURTON-RACE

RESTAURANT WITH ROOMS

PRESS RELEASE

The Journey Continues

Just twelve short months ago, a business partnership between Mr Keith Richardson owner of The Richardson Hotel group and former 2 Michelin-starred chef John Burton-Race began. Two entrepreneurial businessmen joined forces to offer guests both luxury accommodation and award winning fine dining, at The Grosvenor Hotel in Torquay.

Now a year into their journey and The Grosvenor hotel is about to undergo its biggest transformation to date, a re-brand. We will be saying a fond farewell to The Grosvenor Hotel and the legacy that was, and a warm luxury welcome to John Burton-Race – Restaurant with rooms.

Since the journey began The Grosvenor hotel has been transformed, thanks to a substantial investment from Mr Richardson, whose vision was to return this beautiful Victorian building to its former glory with upgraded rooms and facilities befitting his guests.

Like all new business ventures, the vision for the Grosvenor hotel has matured and diversified over time, whilst always paying close attention to the comments of its guests, and in doing so has created a unique blend of traditional service excellence and modern creative cuisine, that meet the expectations of both the loyal clientele of Richardson Hotels and the food connoisseurs of John Burton-Race.

Whilst Mr Keith Richardson will remain the sole owner of the hotel, John Burton-Race will have his name above the door as Chef Patron, delighting guests from near and far with his award winning fine dining and presenting an opportunity to check in, dine, and relax in luxury.

Mr Keith Richardson says:

The vision behind the name change came from the passion both John and I share, to raise awareness both within our county and further afield, that lovers of great food do not need to pay astronomical prices to enjoy a gourmet dining experience.

With John's culinary expertise and my many years of experience in the hotel industry, we aim to prove that with our new Restaurant with Rooms.

Mr John Burton-Race says:

The re-naming of the hotel marks the next chapter of my partnership with Keith and the Richardson Hotel Group. It's a great opportunity to raise awareness of the restaurant in Torquay and creates the perfect platform to showcase my passion for food and locally sourced produce.

Notes to editor:

Rebrand goes live on Tuesday 19th December. Official launch party scheduled for 2nd February. Any further enquiries please contact Julie Askew Phelps at gsm@richardsonhotels.co.uk.

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What is a “Restaurant with Rooms”?

By way of explanation, we acknowledge the word, Auberge. The French term for an inn, also sometimes used to refer to a restaurant (as a result of the historical association between inns and restaurants).

In short, a place to enjoy both food and wine with the benefits of an overnight stay. The number of such restaurants in the UK has increased over the past two years, as we welcome an era where many major hotels invite guests to dine at their destination restaurant overseen by a renowned chef. The addition of overnight accommodation allows guests to take full advantage of a gourmet dining experience and sample the extensive wine list expertly chosen, to enhance the flavour of both wine and food.

The Richardson Group of hotels proudly present former Michelin-starred chef John Burton-Race as the name above the door at our destination restaurant in Torquay.

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Photograph: John Burton-Race

About John Burton-Race

Born in Singapore in 1957, John Burton-Race spent his formative years travelling extensively alongside his diplomat father. These influences are still visible within his food, which combines his innovative ideas with the best of British produce.

Trained in a number of London's top restaurants including Quaglino's, Hotel Meurice London, and La Sorbonne; Burton-Race has worked alongside some of the world's most celebrated chefs including Raymond Blanc. It was as Head Chef at the renowned Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Buckinghamshire, where he was awarded his first Michelin star in 1983.

Since then, Burton-Race's star has continued to rise, after opening his own restaurant, L'Ortolan in Berkshire. He was awarded an additional two Michelin stars, an achievement he repeated at the John Burton-Race Restaurant at the Landmark Hotel in 2000.

Two years later, John was introduced to the public conscious with his role in the Channel 4 documentary series French Leave, and after a sabbatical spent in France, he returned to the culinary fraternity, launching The New Angel restaurant in Devon in 2004. Within a year the restaurant was awarded a Michelin Star, which it retained until Burton-Race's departure in 2010.

Burton Race opened The New Angel in Notting Hill, which was widely acclaimed, gaining three AA Rosettes, a place in Harden's Top 10 new openings 2015, as well as a slot in OpenTable's Top 100.

Nearly twelve months ago, he announced his partnership with Richardson Hotels, the success of which has resulted in the new restaurant John Burton-Race *Restaurant with Rooms* in Torquay. With an emphasis on local produce, exciting menus and innovative wine pairings, the space promises to transform the Devon dining scene.