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## New London restaurant and bar openings, November 2012

A round up of new London restaurant, bar and club openings taking place in November 2012, as well as this month's food-related events.



Buddha-Bar Restaurant: the French venue is now open in Knightsbridge Photo: Buddha-Bar Restaurant

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With winter settling over London, lazy evenings spent lounging in restaurants will be an attractive proposition to many. Many of the openings this month specialise in hearty, homely fare, which is appropriate. They're expected to be popular but, should you have trouble securing a booking, now's also a good time to visit the restaurants that [opened in London in October](#).

### Buddha-Bar Restaurant, Knightsbridge

Already well-established in Paris, Buddha-Bar arrives in London this month, with the opening of [Buddha-Bar Restaurant](#) in London. Those who have visited the original branch or other incarnations in Dubai, New York and elsewhere, may find themselves somewhat familiar with the menu: it will include signature dishes but there'll be plenty of unique offerings there too. Overall the cuisine on offer will mix Asian cuisine with Pacific Rim influences.

### Hawksmoor Air Street, Piccadilly

Following its soft launch, London's fourth [Hawksmoor restaurant](#) opens officially this month. Previous incarnations of the chain - surely it's now safe to call it such - focused on meat, with steaks a speciality, but the Air Street branch is placing equal emphasis on seafood. With 235 covers in the restaurant and a further 50 at the bar this is also the biggest branch to date. It is open from November 1.

### Coya, Mayfair

Peruvian cuisine has been making a name for itself in London. As well as the openings of Ceviche and Lima, ceviche and pisco sours have

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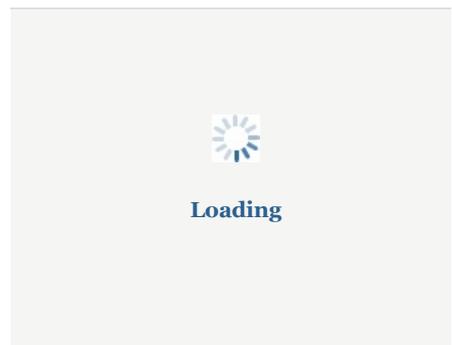
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suddenly been appearing on what seems like every other restaurant with a tenuous link to South America. In any case the newest proponent of Peruvian dishes is *Coya* in Mayfair, London's first Peruvian restaurant to include a private members' bar. Arjun Waney, the restaurateur behind Zuma, La Petite Maison and The Arts Club, leads the project and he promises an authentic, upmarket dining experience complemented by a fully stocked pisco bar. It opens on November 15.

### The GrEAT British, Mayfair

Now open, The GrEAT British will serve hearty, traditional British fare using ingredients sourced in Britain. No doubt most diners will be able to figure much of that out courtesy of the restaurant's inventive typography. Dishes on the menu are set to include wood pigeon salad; treacle cured suckling pig and hot roast beef and pork doorstep sandwiches. The wine list will feature British wines and sparkling wines exclusively. There's no website as yet, the restaurant address is 14 North Audley Street, W1K 6WE.

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### Mr Chow, Knightsbridge

The original *Mr Chow* opened in London in February 1968. In advance of its 45th anniversary it's scheduled to reopen in Knightsbridge this month. Although details and the ultimate reopening date are still being finalised, hallmarks of the Mr Chow should be in evidence - think authentic Beijing cuisine with European-style service and a luxurious interior.

### Churchill Bar & Terrace, Portman Square

Hotel bars can be a bit hit and miss, but the *Churchill Bar & Terrace* at the Hyatt Regency London sounds promising. Taking its name and inspiration from Sir Winston Churchill, the bar incorporates design elements that subtly reference his life, and features - such as a Churchill bronze - that more obviously pay homage. The bar will include a year-round terrace, where cigars from the on-site humidor can be smoked, should you wish, and cocktails will form a strong focus of the drinks menu. The bar opens on November 29.

### Mark Poynton at the Landmark London

Head chef of the Michelin-starred Alimentum in Cambridge, Mark Poynton will give Londoners a fleeting opportunity to taste his dishes by undertaking a three-week tenancy at the Winter Garden restaurant in the Landmark London hotel. For dinner services from Tuesdays to Saturdays, he'll offer a choice of three menus: an à la carte with a choice of four starters, mains and desserts; a six-course tasting menu; and a ten-course 'blind' tasting menu, with patrons left guessing what they'll be eating until it arrives at the table. [Bookings](#) are being taken from November 20 to December 8.



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