

## Recipe for success at The Capital



Award-winning Jérôme Ponchelle will become Head Chef at The Capital Restaurant from next month. The Frenchman, who hails from Dieppe, is confident of maintaining the restaurant's reputation as one of the UK's top kitchens with two Michelin stars.

Jérôme, 40, who brings 20 years of experience working in restaurants in France and England to his new job including more recently Wiltons in Mayfair, cooked alongside the legendary Michel Bourdin at The Connaught for many years.

He is delighted to be working alongside a well established and incredibly talented brigade including fellow countryman Richard Hondier, who was second in command to Jérôme's predecessor Eric Chavot in the Capital's kitchen for 10 years.

"I plan to respect The Capital's ethos of the finest in classical cooking" says Jérôme. The Frenchman's philosophy to cooking is simple: "I believe it is important not to overwork a dish and to let the product's own glory come to the fore."

His new menus will have a distinct French influence and will include Jérôme's own specialties of game and seafood dishes such as lobster, crab and truffle omelette and braised filet of wild Scottish turbot with a champagne sauce. More traditional English comfort food such as braised oxtail will also be featured on The Capital's new menu.

David Levin is delighted with the new appointment and looks forward to welcoming Jérôme from next month "having nurtured the talent of many incredible chefs in my kitchens over the last 40 years, I would like to think that The Capital will prove to be the perfect platform for Jerome to shine"

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### **About The Capital:**

The Capital was created by Scottish proprietor David Levin in 1971 and is to this day a family-run hotel in the heart of London's stylish Knightsbridge.

With the world-renowned department stores of Harrods and Harvey Nichols on the doorstep and Hyde Park just a few minutes' walk away, The Capital is the perfect base from which to explore.