

NEWS RELEASE - 21 February 2016

Lussmanns Restaurants are finalists for the Food Made Good / Independent on Sunday 'People's Favourite' Award

Lussmanns Fish & Grill, the independent group with restaurants in St Albans, Hertford and Harpenden, has been shortlisted for the prestigious 'People's Favourite' category of the national Food Made Good Awards 2016, organised by the Sustainable Restaurant Association (SRA) and supported by media partner *The Independent on Sunday*.



Diners were asked to nominate restaurants that not only serve delicious food, but also make a major difference to their community and minimize their impact on the environment. The panel of judges which included Lisa Markwell, editor of *The Independent on Sunday*, whittled more than 600 nominations down to the shortlist of five, assessing them all against the three pillars of sustainability; sourcing, environment and society, as well as the critical extra ingredient – good food.

Alongside Lussmanns, the other finalists are Café in the Park (Rickmansworth), The Gallivant (East Sussex), Gillam's Tearooms (Cumbria) and Yeo Valley HQ Canteen (Somerset). Diners can vote for their favourite until Sunday 13 March by visiting www.foodmadegood.org/peoplesfave16 or tweeting using the hashtag #SRAfavevote and the name of their chosen restaurant.

The winner will be named in *The Independent on Sunday* on 20 March and will be presented with the award at the Food Made Good Awards, hosted by SRA President, Raymond Blanc OBE, at the Royal Horticultural Society's Lindley Hall on Tuesday 22 March.

Mark Linehan, Managing Director of the SRA, said: "The People's Favourite is the public's chance to nominate and then vote for truly inspiring restaurants that serve up fabulous food and nourish their customers and community in every way. The public interest in this award reflects the ever increasing

importance diners place on values and the story behind their food. Now's the time for everyone who's passionate about their food and its provenance to shine a light on the very best in the business by voting for the People's Favourite."

Andrei Lussmann, Director of Lussmanns, said: "I am humbled and excited to see Lussmanns once again making sustainable dining a reality on today's high street"

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Notes

- Food Made Good is run by the Sustainable Restaurant Association to allow food lovers to indulge their passion for
 dining out without having to check their principles in at the cloakroom. Restaurants, cafes and caterers are assessed on
 their sourcing, impact on society and environmental footprint and diners can then find out their star rating, dubbed
 'The Michelin Stars of Sustainability' by The Sunday Times.
- The Food Made Good Awards celebrate everything exciting about British hospitality businesses, chefs and suppliers
 doing the extraordinary to make food good delicious, ethical, sustainable. See www.foodmadegood.org and
 @FoodMadeGood
- Find out more about the five finalists for the People's Favourite Award here: www.foodmadegood.org/peoplesfave16

About Lussmanns Fish & Grill Restaurants

- Lussmanns is the locals' fish & grill restaurant, championing the best welfare-driven British producers, and dedicated to looking after all the family.
- Giles Coren, food critic for *The Times*, described Lussmanns as 'everything a modern local restaurant should be' and rated us 8/10.
- We have been recommended by *The Good Food Guide* since 2010.
- We are founder members of the Sustainable Restaurant Association (SRA), SRA Three Star Sustainability
 Champions and won UK Sustainable Small Restaurant Group of the Year at the SRA Awards 2014 & 2015.
- We are rated as one of the UK's top restaurants by <u>Fish2Fork</u>, the campaigning restaurant guide for people who
 want to eat fish sustainably.
- We have restaurants in St Albans, Hertford and Harpenden, Hertfordshire.
- For more information, including supplier details, please visit our website at www.lussmanns.com, join us on facebook at http://www.facebook.com/LussmannsRestaurants and twitter @lussmanns and @AndreiLussmann.

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