

LUSSMANN'S

FISH & GRILL

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Lussmanns celebrates double awards win ~ Best Local Restaurant and Business Leader of the Year

Lussmanns Fish & Grill - the independent group with restaurants in St Albans, Hertford and Harpenden has received two prestigious awards to add to its growing collection.

Owner Andrei Lussmann won Business Leader of the Year 2014 at the St Albans Chamber of Commerce Community Business Awards on 25 September in the spectacular setting of St Albans Cathedral.

The awards celebrate the outstanding contribution of businesses to the St Albans district. They acknowledge commercial successes, the positive impact of these achievements and the resulting economic, social or environmental benefits for the local community.

Chamber Executive Director, Lisa Bates, who co-hosted the event, said: *“The stakes were high in all categories and were a true reflection of the talent we have within the St Albans district.”*

Andrei Lussmann (pictured), receiving this award for the first time said: *“This award was unexpected and appreciated as I know all too well that it is the team that puts me at the forefront and without them there is no Lussmanns.”*

The Lussmanns team enjoyed a double celebration just over a week later by being voted and judged Best Local Restaurant at the St Albans and Harpenden Food and Drink Awards 2014 on 6 October. Winning this category for the third time, following success in 2010 and 2012, has already made 2014 another record-breaking year for the restaurant group.



Always keenly contested, the food and drink awards are decided after a rigorous process involving initial nominations, submission of a written application, shortlisting, a public vote and a final judging session.

Reflecting on the double awards win, Andrei Lussmann said: *“Winning for a third time in six years only helps to galvanise our position as a true locals’ restaurant. The high street is now, more than ever, a commercial bull ring of ever-improving competition; winning locally is where it counts.”*

This year has also seen Lussmanns rise above strong competition to win UK Sustainable Small Restaurant Group of the Year at the Sustainable Restaurant Association Awards 2014 and take home the ‘highly commended’ runner-up prize for the Sustainable Business Award at the 31st annual Cateys, the Oscars of the hospitality industry. The independent group has also recently celebrated 10 years in Hertford and a sixth successive recommendation from The Good Food Guide, which described Lussmanns as a ‘godsend’.

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.
- We are rated as one of the UK’s top restaurants by [Fish2Fork](#), the campaigning restaurant guide for people who want to eat fish – sustainably.
- In 2011 and 2012, we won the Independent Restaurant category of the RSPCA Good Business Awards.
- 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.

For more information about the St Albans District Chamber of Commerce Community Business Awards please see: <http://www.stalbans-chamber.co.uk/chamber-community-business-awards-2014-the-winners>

For details of all the finalists and winners of the St Albans & Harpenden Food & Drink Festival please see: <http://www.enjoustalbans.com/eating-and-drinking/Food-and-Drink-Festival/Awards/index.html>

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