

Tuesday 2nd February  
2010

## Andrew Fairlie

Restaurant Andrew Fairlie,  
The Gleneagles Hotel,  
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7.30pm for 8.00pm  
Louis Roederer Brut Premier & Canapé Reception  
5-Course Signature Menu  
£100.00 per person  
Wines to complement every dish are chosen specially by Craig Bancroft from Northcote's cellars, please enquire for an exclusive wine package price  
A gift of Obsession's Celebration cookbook, signed by Nigel – Over 100 recipes by more than 50 chefs of the last 10 years (value £30 per couple)



**A**ndrew first embarked on his culinary career at the age of 15 when he began a four-year apprenticeship in his hometown of Perth in central Scotland. At the age of 20 he became the first recipient of the coveted Roux Scholarship and remains to this day its youngest scholar. Andrew gained the prestigious honour of being able to work in the kitchen of Michel Guérard, one of the great masters of French culinary tradition. He was inspired by Guérard's cooking and he still adheres to Michel's ethos of 'simple food, brilliantly done'.

Andrew went on to work at the world renowned Hôtel de Crillon in Paris for 14 months of gruelling training before returning to Scotland two years later to spend two seasons on board the luxurious Royal Scotsman train. In London he joined the Ritz as senior sous-chef before returning to Paris and EuroDisney for specialist management training.

Andrew returned to Scotland to become Executive Chef at One Devonshire Gardens in Glasgow and, in his first year in the position, was voted Scottish Chef of the Year. He was also accepted as a member of the exclusive

Academie Culinaire de France and was awarded his first Michelin star, which he has retained for the last five years.

Now firmly established as one of the UK's top chefs, Andrew became chef/patron of Andrew Fairlie @ Gleneagles on 25 May 2001. The restaurant received Michelin Star rating in January 2002, after only eight months of opening and shortly after Andrew was named as Drambuie Scottish Chef of the Year. Among other accolades received in 2002, the restaurant has been named AA Restaurant of the Year, Scotland, best hotel restaurant in the UK and one of the ten best in the world by USA magazine, *HOTELS*.

It is also the only restaurant to be awarded five Medallions – the Scottish equivalent to AA rosettes and classified as 'outstanding' by VisitScotland. In January 2004 the restaurant was awarded a coveted fourth AA rosette – the only restaurant in Scotland to boast four-rosette recognition. In January 2006 the restaurant was awarded a second Michelin star – the only restaurant in Scotland to boast two-star recognition.

Andrew has been invited to the Obsession festival several times before, but has always been abroad on previous occasions. He is delighted that he is able to attend this time: "This was the first year I knew that I wouldn't be going away so it was a great opportunity to come down and participate; the fact that it's the anniversary event makes it even more special."

He is looking forward to sampling other menus too: "It's always great to feast on other chefs' food. I think I'm going to meet some interesting people. It's good to get out of your own kitchen as well every now and then, and to network and see how other people work."

Andrew is impressed with the line-up for 2010 and is proud to be joining such an illustrious list. "When I look at the chefs who have cooked at the event over the years it's just great to be included. I hope it's a successful event for Nigel, Craig and Lisa. I'm sure it will be so it'll be nice just to spend a couple of days down there and have a celebration with them. I'm looking forward to it."

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