

PRESS RELEASE

Sodexo chefs pop up at new Royal Ascot celebrity restaurant

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Six chefs from Independents by Sodexo have been given the opportunity to cook alongside celebrity chef, James Tanner, at his new pop-up restaurant at Royal Ascot, which takes place between the 20– 24 June.

Louisa Tinkler, Alex Fellows, Andrew Sutcliffe, Paul Docherty, Ted Lindsay and James Bourn will be working together at the Queen Anne kitchen to bring James Tanner's signature menu to life, which includes steaks burgers, slow cooked lamb and Yaki Udon. The chefs have all been recruited from Sodexo's Chef's Scholarship programme.

The 18 month Chef's Scholarship programme is run by Sodexo's Tom Allen and hosted by Independents by Sodexo, is designed to help develop the next generation of chefs, providing an opportunity to develop essential skills and grow within the business

The six chefs include Louisa Tinkler who currently works as the head chef at Dorney Lake in Berkshire. Throughout her career, Louisa has achieved high accolades, achieving Senior Sodexo Chef of the Year in 2017, winning Young MasterChefs of Great Britain in 2012 and representing the UK in Leipzig in 2013 in the World Skills Competition.

Alex Fellows who works as senior sous chef at Eton, has been fortunate enough to take in part in culinary master classes at Lenôtre and has competed at the Salon Culinaire, where he managed to win gold in both best in class and awards in pastry.

Alex said, *"It was a real honour to get the opportunity to cook alongside James Tanner and the wonderful team at Royal Ascot. I have worked at a variety of amazing venues and events, but working at Royal Ascot was definitely up there."*

Tom Allen, Executive Development Chef said, *"At Independents by Sodexo we are passionate about developing our chefs at all levels. We have an amazing team at Royal Ascot this year, with each one working relentlessly to make sure the kitchen runs as smoothly as possible."*

"The six chefs working alongside James Tanner are from the Scholarship programme, ranging from junior apprentices to sous chef."

More information on the Queen Anne Kitchen at Royal Ascot can be found here:

<https://www.ascot.co.uk/>

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Key figures (as of August 31, 2016)

20.2 billion euro in consolidated revenues

425,000 employees

19th largest employer worldwide

80 countries

75 million consumers served daily

17.3 billion euro in market capitalization (as of April 12, 2017)