

PRESS RELEASE

The World's 101 Best Steak Restaurants 2026 Reveals the New Global Benchmark in Steak Excellence

London, March 2026 – Upper Cut Media House Ltd., the London-based media company renowned for its expertise in global premium meat dining, is proud to unveil the latest edition of the World's 101 Best Steak Restaurants. Since its founding in 2018 by Ekkehard Knobelspies, the annual list has become the definitive global guide for steak lovers and a mark of excellence within the industry, often referred to as the “Champions League” of steak.

A Global Ranking Reflecting the Highest Standards

The 2026 edition of the World's 101 Best Steak Restaurants once again highlights the extraordinary depth, diversity and quality of the global steak restaurant scene. From heritage-driven institutions to contemporary restaurant concepts, this year's ranking reflects a category that continues to evolve with remarkable energy, precision and ambition.

The restaurants featured on the list represent the very highest level of international steak excellence. They stand for exceptional product quality, sourcing integrity, technical skill, hospitality, identity and consistency - all of which are essential in defining what truly outstanding steak restaurants look like in today's world.

New in 2026: Hall of Fire – The Best of the Best

A major new development in 2026 is the introduction of Hall of Fire – The Best of the Best, a newly created distinction designed to honour truly exceptional restaurants that have left a lasting mark on the global steak restaurant landscape.

The first restaurant to be inducted into this new category is Parrilla Don Julio in Buenos Aires. After being ranked No. 1 three years in a row, Parrilla Don Julio now moves into the Hall of Fire and is recognised through this separate distinction for its extraordinary consistency, influence and sustained excellence at the very highest level.

With this new category, the ranking not only celebrates annual performance, but also acknowledges those restaurants whose long-term impact has helped shape the category on a global scale.

A Dynamic and Rapidly Evolving Category

The 2026 ranking demonstrates just how dynamic and competitive the global steak restaurant landscape has become. Inclusion in the list now requires far more than simply serving excellent meat. It demands clarity of concept, strength of execution, consistency at the highest level and a deep understanding of provenance, ageing, service and guest experience.

Across continents, the category is becoming more sophisticated, more ambitious and more internationally relevant. Restaurants are not only refining their craft, but also shaping a new global understanding of what steak excellence can and should be.

A Meticulous Selection Process: 1,200 Restaurants Evaluated, 300 Longlisted, 101 Selected

The list is the result of a rigorous and highly selective evaluation process. More than 1,200 restaurants were reviewed globally, of which only 101 were selected for the final ranking. Restaurants are assessed according to 29 detailed criteria, including meat quality, sourcing, ageing, cooking technique, service, wine list, ambience and overall authenticity.

A global network of 24 anonymous Steak Ambassadors, all experienced professionals in gastronomy, hospitality and meat, conduct in-person evaluations to ensure the highest editorial integrity and credibility throughout the process.

Defining the Global Steak Conversation

The World's 101 Best Steak Restaurants is more than a ranking - it is a reflection of the remarkable evolution of a category that has gained significant importance and visibility on the global culinary stage. The restaurants included are not only among the best in their respective countries or regions, but also contribute to shaping the wider international conversation around steak, beef provenance, restaurant identity and meat hospitality.

This year's list confirms that steak restaurants are no longer a niche segment, but a highly relevant and globally celebrated category within modern gastronomy.

Statement from the Publisher

Ekkehard Knobelspies, Founder and Publisher of the ranking, comments:

“The global standard continues to rise year after year, and the 2026 edition of the ranking is a reflection of just how far this category has evolved. What we are seeing across the world is an extraordinary level of quality, precision, provenance and dedication. Great steak restaurants today are defined not only by the excellence of their product, but by consistency, character, hospitality and a deep understanding of what makes a truly memorable dining experience. This ranking exists to recognise those restaurants that are setting the benchmark internationally and helping define the future of steak excellence.”

The full list is available from 26 March at:
www.worldbeststeaks.com

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