



Guillaume Gomez honoured with the Gaspart Bonet Foundation award

During the 83rd HOTREC General Assembly in Lyon, Mr Guillaume Gomez received the **Gaspart Bonet Foundation award** for his outstanding services promoting French gastronomy in France and internationally.



Mr Gomez entered the kitchen of the Élysée Palace during his military service, and he stayed as the First Chef of the Republic for 25 years. When he was just 25 years old, he received the title of 'Meilleur Ouvrier de France', as the youngest Chef. He's a passionate advocate of French gastronomy and fights to defend the values that are essential to him – such as work, and sharing. He participates in the influence of an entire economy, both nationally and internationally, and promotes producers and products that are the jewel of French gastronomy.

His titles include Knight of the National Order of Merit; Officer of the Order of Agricultural Merit; Officer of the Order of the

Arts and the Letters; and Knight of the Order of Academic Palms.

In February 2021, the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, asked Guillaume Gomez to become his representative with all stakeholders of French gastronomy to promote the French culinary arts.

"I have tried, in my place, to serve my profession, my counterparts and all those who are serving our country by promoting its culture, know-how and culinary heritage. Nowadays, we need to think about the impact that our plate has on us, on our health, on others, on the environment, we need to move towards this type of catering, food more in line with common sense and our values.", stated Mr Guillaume Gomez.

"It is a pleasure for us to present this award to Mr Guillaume Gomez. His contribution to the French gastronomy and his many years of service are sure to leave an important mark in the European hospitality industry in the years to come," commented Mr Jens Zimmer Christensen, President of HOTREC.

About the award

The Gaspart Bonet Foundation award is delivered twice a year to a personality who has contributed, in a remarkable manner, and/or for a significant number of years, to the activities of the hospitality industry. The award was designed by Miquel Planas, famous artist and chairman of Sculpture Department of Fine Arts of the Fine Arts Faculty of Barcelona.

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