



## Lucio Blazquéz Blazquéz honored with the HOTREC award



**During the 86th HOTREC General Assembly in Tenerife, Mr Luzio Blazquéz Blazquéz received the HOTREC award for his outstanding services and commitment to the tourism and hospitality industry in Spain.**

The veteran restaurateur or “Mesonero Mayor del Rey”, as he likes to be called, has received numerous awards during his long career as a hotel businessman. He is a reference to Madrid’s gastronomy with his famous restaurant located in Madrid’s Cava Baja, Casa Lucio, which has been visited by all kinds of personalities during its half-century of existence.

Nobel prize winners such as Severo Ochoa, Kofi Annan or Gabriel García Márquez, businessmen, heads of state, politicians from all over the world, kings, Hollywood celebrities and the best of Spanish show business have eaten its famous starred eggs, which have become a gastronomic reference point.

Lucio Blázquez was born in Serranillo (Ávila) in February 1933. When he was nine years old, he arrived in the capital, was sent by his parents to build a future for himself, and began to work in the Mesón Segoviano, a very popular place among artists, in the fifties. There he began to work running errands, washing up or whatever else he could find in exchange for one peseta a month and the affection he received from the owners. The same owners from whom he later bought the business to make it his own.

It was in 1974 when he bought the premises and renamed it Casa Lucio, where he put into practice all the social skills he had acquired, which, together with the excellence of the raw material, are the main reasons for his international success. Even today, at the age of 90, he still goes to the restaurant every day to supervise and greet his diners. Today, his children, María del Carmen, Fernando and Javier, have taken over this nationally renowned business.

### About the award

The HOTREC award, formerly 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.

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### What is HOTREC?

HOTREC is the umbrella association of Hotels, Restaurants, Bars and Cafés and similar establishments in Europe, which brings together 47 National associations in 36 countries, and is the voice of European hospitality. HOTREC’s mission is to represent and champion its interests towards the EU and international institutions, foster knowledge sharing and best practices among its members to further promote innovation, and act as a platform of expertise for the hospitality sector.