COOL

Dinner: Sketch

9 Conduit Street, Mayfair (+44 870 777 4488)

In Sketch (pictured) Mourad Mazouz and his team of chefs and designers have created one of the coolest restaurants in the country. It has attracted plenty of media attention for its experimental food, drink and design styles. The Lecture Room and Library is the setting for an extraordinarily creative menu, while the Gallery serves up hip gastrobrasserie fare accompanied by cutting-edge music and videos projected onto the upper walls.

Drinks: Kingly Club 4 Kingly Court, Soho (+44 20 7287 9100)

Described by the *Sunday Telegraph* as 'the place James Bond takes his lady at the end of a film', Kingly Club is on the same site as the Pinstripe Club – famous for being the playground of 60s stars – and it still attracts top-end clientele.

This exclusive club is committed to maintaining the glamour, mystique and style of this privileged venue – and it shows. Sketch combines colourful design with experimental menus.

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M1nt is an elegant and sophisticated bar for elite members.

CLASSIC

Drinks: M1nt

57 Jermyn Street, St James's (+44 20 7491 2653)

Just round the corner sits this private members' bar, founded by Alistair Paton, a former foreign exchange and vanilla swaps trader. A modern-day members club with a twist; the first 250 members collectively own the club. Its members include Hollywood A-listers and billionaires and it is a favourite among F1 drivers, stars and the social elite.

Dinner: Franco's 61 Jermyn Street, St James's (+44 20 7499 2211)

This Jermyn Street institution is one of the finest Italian restaurants in London. Not only is the food superb, but the welcome is as warm as at a friend's. Its menu, which changes daily, uses only the finest seasonal ingredients, so you can be sure of eating top quality food as you enjoy the classic 1940s décor.

CHARISMATIC

Dinner: Boisdale's

15 Eccleston Street, Belgravia (+44 20 7730 6922) or Swedeland Court, 202 Bishopsgate, City (+44 20 7283 1763)

These hidden gems are an eccentric delight. The brainchild of Ranald Macdonald, Boisdale's offers one of the finest Scottish welcomes south of the border.

Bedecked in the family tartan, with delightfully snug corners and more open dining, both branches put on jazz most nights of the week. The food is hearty Scottish fare, but it's not all haggis and root vegetables – from a wonderful 'menage a trois' of marinated, hot smoked and wild cold smoked Scottish salmon to a crown of wild mallard duck roasted with a thyme-infused Scottish heather glaze, it is a well-considered gastronomic tour of the best the country has to offer.

Boisdale's also has one of the finest and largest selections of malt whiskies in London – a perfect way to round off the meal, while listening to the evening's live jazz band.

Drinks: Floridita 100 Wardour Street, Soho (+44 20 7314 4000)

This Cuban classic is perfect for indulging in a magic mojito or classy caipirinha – and maybe even a Cuban cigar. Located in the heart of trendy Soho, it always has a vibrant feel – helped by the regular live bands. A wonderful way to get a taste of the sunshine

the UK isn't exactly renowned for, whatever the weather outside.



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