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## **Award winning Parisian style bistro opens its doors in Cardiff**

Côte Brasserie, a modern interpretation of the classic Parisian style bistro, specialising in simple, freshly prepared French food, has opened its doors in Mermaid Quay, Cardiff Bay.

Since opening at the end of November 2010, the restaurant, which employs 25 staff, has already made it into the top 10 of Cardiff's 273 restaurants on Trip Advisor.

Occupying a prime location overlooking the Roald Dahl Plass and just a stone's throw away from the Wales Millennium Centre, the 140 cover restaurant offers classic French cuisine in an informal and friendly atmosphere.

Steak frites, moules marinières and corn fed chicken from the heart of rural Brittany are all regulars on the menu, alongside lighter dishes such as tuna Niçoise and mushroom crêpes and mouth-watering desserts including crème caramel and crème brûlée.

Open all day for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Côte also offers a set two course menu from £9.95, available Monday to Friday 12pm – 7pm in addition to fortnightly seasonal specials. Outside seating also offers diners the opportunity to go truly European and dine al fresco.

Harold Samuelson, Operations Manager for Cote, said: "We're thrilled to have opened a restaurant in Cardiff in such a prime location. Cardiff is a thriving and vibrant city which we wanted to be a part of."

Cardiff born, Christian Solanot, Manager of Cote Cardiff, who has worked in London and Bristol, said: "As the first Cote in Wales it's been brilliant to receive such fantastic feedback. The fact we have already been rated in the Top 10 on Trip Advisor is testament to our determination to exceed guest expectations through providing excellent food and service at affordable prices.

"We want to be seen as a neighbourhood venue offering a relaxed atmosphere for locals and visitors to the city seeking a new dining experience. There is a definite demand for this as within just two months of opening we have seen a high number of repeat customers and we're positive this will continue."

Reviewed favourably by the press and already very successful in London, Côte is backed by restaurant entrepreneur Richard Caring, who owns some of the UK's most highly acclaimed restaurants, such as The Ivy, J Sheekey's, Le Caprice and the Soho House group.

Côte has already established its reputation in the market having previously won a number of food awards including, 'Best Restaurant Chain' Michael Winner Dinner Awards 2010, 'Best Breakthrough Brand' Peach Hero Awards 2010, 'Best Value Chain' Restaurant Magazine R200 Award 2010, and 'Best Value Restaurant in the UK' Good Food Guide 2009.

Customers can drop by for a casual morning coffee and pastry, working lunch or a three course evening meal in the restaurant. There's also an extensive selection of fine wines and premium spirits available. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 11pm, Saturday 9am to 11pm and Sunday 9am to 10:30pm.

For more information, visit [www.cote-restaurants.co.uk](http://www.cote-restaurants.co.uk)

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