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- * Lunch Mon-Fri noon-2.30pm;
Dinner Tue-Sat 6pm-10pm
- * Bookings recommended
- * Licensed, bar
- * E \$19-\$25 M \$29-\$41 D \$15-\$21
- * Cards AE DC MC V EFT
- * Chef Peter Conistis

Peter Conistis has been teasing rabbit, olives, vine leaves and other heroes of the Grecian kitchen into crisply contemporary restaurant food for more than a decade. His latest restaurant is the large first floor of an original Deco pub; with sweeping spaces and gorgeous curves, all it lacks is buzz. There's plenty on the menu. The filo forming the shell of a little pie of duck confit and quince falls in buttery shards across a fine salad of pear, fig and rocket bejewelled with walnuts and pomegranate. In other hands the inclusion of sweet poached sultanas alongside asparagus, artichokes and tiny zucchini over fall-apart 'spanakopita-filled' dumplings in a sea of burnt butter would be cause for alarm. Not here. That said, his version of his mother's rice pudding (she cooks lunch dishes downstairs), topped with lemon ice-cream, is seriously sugary. A must for anyone keen to see Greek food dragged into the spotlight.