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But Veronica Maggio is not buying her own hype



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### New restaurant and hotel

Among the restaurants under the Gastro Group umbrella you'll find places like Storstad, Ljunggrens and Le Rouge. A couple of these names have hibernated out the pandemic, but now they are all opening up and shortly they will be joined by a couple of siblings.

First up is Le Blanc, a restaurant and a hotel, which just like Le Rouge will have a French theme. Apart from food, entertainment and DJs, Le Blanc will also boast about 30 hotel rooms at their central Stockholm location. Le Blanc opens in July, and in future the group also aims to find a good spot for future restaurant Le Bleu, to complete the 'tricolor'.

Apart from this, Gastro Group will also open a couple of new restaurants on Kungsholmen later in the year.

### Food and form

Silversmith and jeweller Sebastian Schildt is opening a restaurant together with Elvira Lindqvist, previously head chef at Fotografiska, and who was named Female Chef Of The Year for 2020 at the Stella Awards. The restaurant is a project that Sebastian has long dreamed of, and his ambition is that the restaurant will be an experience on many sensory levels. "In my silver smithy, right beside the restaurant, I have made some exclusive pieces for the interiors, but I have also had the great privilege of cooperating with some of Sweden's best designers and craftspeople, as the restaurant's plates, glasses, furniture, lighting and so on are all handmade and by Swedish producers," Sebastian says.

The menu focusses on the vegetable kingdom, which suits Elvira Lindqvist perfectly. "I have a burning passion for sustainable food craft, and to open a restaurant where that permeates all that we do is simply fantastic! To harvest all that our nature has to give us in a modern and creative way, and to create gastronomy where we don't throw half of everything in the bin feels like the obvious thing to do. It's historically a cornerstone of our Scandinavian food tradition and it's a natural part of our era and the future," she says.

*Restaurang Oxenstiernan, Storgatan 35C, Östermalm, opens in July.*

