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PRESS RELEASE

Award-winning chef to open new restaurant in Wihlborgs' historic Helsingborg property

Renowned and multi-award-winning chef and entrepreneur Simon Weinberg will open a new restaurant concept in spring 2026 at Järnväggsgatan 7 (Svea 7) in central Helsingborg. In this landmark 19th-century building, he aims to create a new culinary hub for the city – “a gastronomic meeting place with international flair.”

Simon Weinberg is one of Sweden's most accomplished chefs, with experience from several world-renowned restaurants such as Noma in Copenhagen, Bagatelle in Oslo, and Operakällaren in Stockholm. He has also run the acclaimed fine dining restaurant Bokbacka in Oslo – named one of Norway's best restaurants for several consecutive years – as well as Weinbergs Hotell in Trelleborg, which has been listed in White Guide's “Master Class” and awarded “Best Hotel in Skåne.”

The new establishment – “Bankpalatset” (The Bank Palace) – will feature:

- A modern bistro with Nordic and Mediterranean influences, offering à la carte lunch and dinner
- A wine and aperitif bar, serving everything from local brews to exclusive wines
- A cocktail bar, open evenings and weekends
- A food bar for spontaneous drop-ins
- A generous and sunny outdoor terrace with its own distinct character

The historic Svea building was completed in 1884 after being constructed in three stages. Designed by Mauritz Frohm, who also served as the city architect, it shares architectural heritage with several other prominent Helsingborg landmarks. The property was long home to Hotel Continental and several banks (hence the name Bankpalatset), and today houses offices, shops, and restaurants.

The current restaurant tenant, Heat Helsingborg, has been a cherished part of the building for 28 years but has chosen to pursue other ventures. The restaurant will remain open throughout the autumn and will celebrate its farewell with a closing party on 3 January.

“We're taking over a legendary location in the heart of Helsingborg. It's with great humility and excitement that we carry this historic space forward. Our vision is to create a gastronomic meeting place for everyone – whether you're here for an exclusive glass of wine, a cold beer in the sun, or dinner with family and friends in the magnificent old bank hall. We also want to welcome larger groups, companies, and events. With passion for craftsmanship and uncompromising quality, we look forward to opening our doors in spring 2026 and meeting our guests,” says **Simon Weinberg, owner of Bankpalatset.**

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“Helsingborg has truly become a restaurant city, where gastronomy is an important part of its identity and appeal. At Wihlborgs, we want our properties to be vibrant meeting places where business, culture, and people grow together. We’re delighted that a strong profile like Simon Weinberg is establishing here, with a concept that will attract visitors from morning to night, seven days a week. At the same time, we want to extend our sincere thanks to Heat Helsingborg for their great work over the years and their contribution to making this a lively and appreciated place,” says **Ulrika Hallengren, CEO of Wihlborgs.**

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