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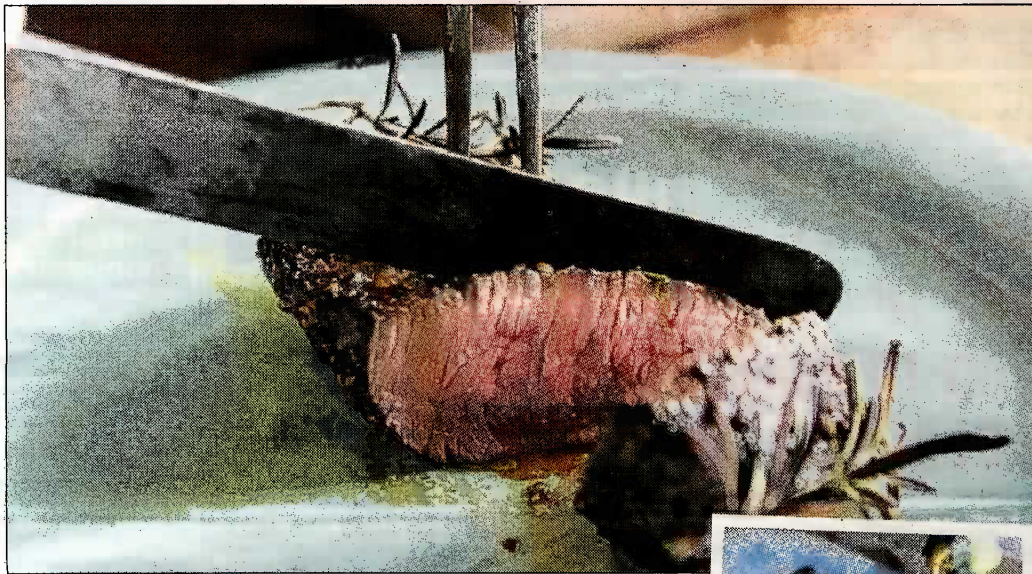




# METRO word of mouth

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## Are you game for rabbit hot-wings?



**THIS WEEK** A meaty treat for a Soho institution, a new fleet takes to the skies and Kuala Lumpur gets a new hotel  
**BY JANE MULKERRINS**

### Soho's got game

COULD there be anything better on a frosty December night than holing up in a snug pub with a pint? Well, what about holing up in a snug pub with a pint and juicy venison burger? Or a venison chateaubriand? Or deep-fried pheasant or rabbit hot-wings?

Street-food superstars The Wild Game Co have moved inside for a few months for a residency at equally cool Berwick Street boozier The Endurance, to bring Scottish game to the heart of London's Soho. The company started two years ago, when founder Andy Waugh, 29, who comes from a

family of game butchers in the north of Scotland, turned his back on a career in finance to follow his passion – food.

'I really wanted to get people excited about game and teach them not to be scared of it,' he says. 'But also to get them to reconnect with their food, to show that pheasants come with feathers, they were walking around yesterday – that meat doesn't come in a plastic bag.'

With chef Ruairidh Emslie, Waugh set up a stall at Broadway Market, followed by stalls at Whitecross and Berwick Street Markets, where shoppers can buy a burger to eat with a cut of meat to take home and



cook themselves. The Evening Standard has named their stalls one of the top five places to eat game in London. With a colourful and creative menu that changes daily, the Wild Game residency runs until January 31.

Small plates from £4, burgers from £6, Tel: 020 7437 2944, [www.wildgameco.co.uk](http://www.wildgameco.co.uk)

### ALSO CHECK OUT

#### New planes, new routes

One of the few airlines currently expanding, Qatar Airways yesterday launched its first route with the new Boeing 787, from London Heathrow to the Qatari capital, Doha. The 787 Dreamliner route is the first regular service between London and the Middle Eastern city, which is hoping to grow as a business and leisure destination, as well as a jumping-on point to India, China, South-east Asia and Australia. London-Doha fares from £765 return. [www.qatarairways.com](http://www.qatarairways.com)

#### Majestic in Malaysia

This month, YTL Hotels opens the Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, in an

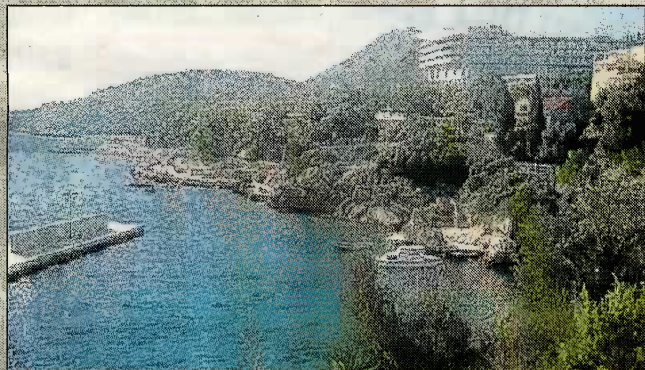


iconic 1930s building, listed as a national heritage site. The five-storey building has been restored and a 15-storey Tower Wing added, to make 300 bedrooms in total. Separate buildings house the spa, and the Smoke House, with a bar, cigar room and private dining room. From £140 per night. [www.majesticl.com](http://www.majesticl.com)

### TRAVEL NEWS

■ Dubrovnik Sun Gardens, a five-star resort on the Adriatic, is hosting its first Croatian Christmas Market and ice rink. Every weekend until January 6, the market will feature stalls of local festive delicacies, toys and costumes and folk dancing. The rink is open until February 17. Packages are available from £112 per person for two nights. [www.dubrovniksungardens.com](http://www.dubrovniksungardens.com)

■ The perfect festive female outing: get cranked up on cake, then see a show featuring the hits of the Spice Girls. The Viva Forever! afternoon tea at Harvey Nichols features fancy savouries and sweets



inspired by the famous fivesome, and runs until February, at £30 for the tea, or £70 including a ticket for the show. Tel: 020 7235 5250.

■ Nira Alpina, a chic mountain hotel in Surlej,

Switzerland, three miles from St Moritz, is offering all guests a free ski pass. Snow fans can tackle 180km of cross-country skiing trails, snow-kite lessons, or countless skating rinks and sledging runs. [www.niraalpina.com](http://www.niraalpina.com)

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