

The Savoy Appoints New F&B Director and Head Bartender for the American Bar
Chris Murphy and Angelo Sparvoli join the storied hotel this month



[The Savoy](#) has announced two new appointments in its F&B department, with **Chris Murphy** joining as **Director of Food and Beverage**, and **Angelo Sparvoli** returning to the **American Bar** as **Head Bartender**.

Overseeing operations across the Thames Foyer, American Bar and Beaufort Bar, Murphy will also work closely with Gordon Ramsay Restaurants, which operates the River Restaurant, Savoy Grill and Michelin-starred Restaurant 1890. This year will also see the anticipated reopening of Simpson's in the Strand under Jeremy King.

Beginning his career working as a footman in the Royal Household, Murphy's experience spans some of the world's leading hospitality brands, including the Dorchester Collection and Shangri-La. He joins The Savoy from Ashford Castle, the five-star hotel and resort in Mayo, Ireland, where he spent four years as Director of Food & Beverage.

Speaking on his new role, Murphy says, *"I am hugely excited to be joining the team at The Savoy and look forward to working with the very best in hospitality. As such a storied hotel, it is an honour to be a small part of The Savoy's history and act as a custodian to its legendary bars and restaurants, ensuring their legacy continues for many years to come."*

Alongside Murphy, Angelo Sparvoli has been appointed Head Bartender at the American Bar, returning to the celebrated cocktail venue where he worked for four years early in his career. Sparvoli will work with Bar Manager, Andrea Di Chiara, to curate a menu and experience that stays true to the bar's heritage while embracing new techniques.

Sparvoli entered the bar industry by chance, studying as a Surveyor but finding joy working at a bar with his cousin in their hometown of Camerino, Italy. The American Bar was where his hospitality career truly started, spending four years working his way from Barback to Senior Bartender from 2016 to 2020. Since then, Sparvoli has been at the helm

of leading bars across London, including Kwānt Mayfair and St James Bar at Sofitel London St James.

Sparvoli says, *“I left a piece of my heart at the American Bar, and it is a pleasure to be returning four years later in this new role. I look forward to achieving great things with the incredibly passionate team, reuniting with familiar faces and ensuring the bar remains at the forefront of this ever-changing industry.”*

Speaking about the two appointments, Franck Arnold, Regional Vice President & Managing Director, The Savoy says, *“I am delighted to be welcoming both Chris and Angelo to The Savoy family. These two appointments mark the start of a new culinary chapter with significant enhancements to our food & beverage offering planned throughout the year. We are paving the way to ensure we really are the place in London to enjoy the best and most varied drinking and dining experiences.”*

Murphy joined The Savoy as Director of Food & Beverage on 18 March. Sparvoli joins the American Bar as Head Bartender on 25 March.

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About The Savoy

The Savoy, A Fairmont Managed Hotel is perfectly located on the River Thames, in the heart of all that London has to offer. At the forefront of the luxury hotel scene for over 130 years, the hotel features 267 rooms and suites decorated in elegant Edwardian or art deco style, many with views over the river. Gordon Ramsay presents the best of British cuisine in Savoy Grill and The River Restaurant, with exceptional fine dining in Restaurant 1890. Additional culinary highlights include afternoon tea in the Thames Foyer, 1920s-inspired cocktails in the American Bar and creative drinks in the Beaufort Bar. Beauty & Fitness at The Savoy includes a light-filled swimming pool in its own atrium, sauna, steam room and state-of-the-art gym facilities. There is also a collection of spaces available for meetings, corporate events and weddings.