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lunch! welcomes over 6,000 attendees

Food-to-go buyers from across the UK demonstrated their appetite for lunch! recently, with the multi-award-winning trade event for the food-to-go sector enjoying another successful edition. The 2015 show featured an unprecedented 350 exhibiting companies (up 25% from 2014) showcasing an eclectic mix of food, drink, packaging, catering equipment and technology.

As in previous years, queues of enthusiastic visitors marked the start of the show. By the time doors closed, it had welcomed over 6,000 attendees, including key buyers and decision makers from many of the UK's biggest food-to-go operators, food retailers, contract and travel caterers, distributors, wholesalers, venues and attractions, plus thousands of independent and multiple cafés, coffee houses, tearooms and sandwich shops. Among them were well known brands such as Pret, EAT, Costa, Greggs, Starbucks and Subway.

Angelina Harrison, food and commercial director for Tossed, said: "This is by far my favourite show of the year and it just keeps getting bigger and better."

"lunch! really is the only tradeshow I go to, as I find so many very interesting and relevant exhibitors," added Alex Stone, director of Trade, who won Best Independent Sandwich Bar in the UK at the Sammies Awards earlier this year, and has also been profiled in the past in this magazine.

"We talk about lunch!'s fantastic buzz and unique atmosphere every year, but it really was incredible for 2015," said Chris Brazier, group event director for lunch! "We are delighted that our eighth year

of lunch! was our biggest and best show yet. It really does cap a brilliant year for lunch! Thanks must go to all our visitors, exhibitors, media and association partners for helping us put on the best show we've ever had."

lunch! will return to the Business Design Centre in Islington, London, on 22nd and 23rd September 2016.



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Buckley named best barista

The contract caterer BaxterStorey has crowned Derek Buckley as its Barista Champion 2015, after a record number of competitors from across the UK, Ireland and Europe entered the competition this year. Buckley won the title after showcasing his latte art skills, creating a signature drink and performing a 10-minute routine, which saw him make six hot beverages against the clock.

Buckley has now won the title two years in a row. He also scooped awards for Best Cappuccino and Best Espresso at the competition, which was held recently at London's Hospitality House.

Tim Sturk, head of coffee training and development for BaxterStorey, said: "Few people understand the true complexities of creating excellent coffee – the bean to cup journey is certainly not an easy one – but Derek has demonstrated immense skill throughout this competition. He has proven himself to be one of our industry's best baristas and a deserving winner of our 2015 Barista Championships."

Buckley will now go on to compete in the 2016 UK Barista Championships.



Derek Buckley (centre)

pod turns 10

Healthy eating food-to-go concept pod celebrated its 10th anniversary last month, by offering lunchtime giveaways and treats to customers across all of its sites. Founded in 2005, when healthy food-to-go was hard to come by, the first outlet opened at London Wall. It now has 22 restaurants across the City, fuelling thousands of busy Londoners every day.

A spokesperson said: "Reaching 10 is a great landmark. We have gone from strength-to-strength this year, experiencing double-digit like-for-like sales growth and we are very excited to see what the next few years hold."

The price of a coffee or hot snack to anyone in need under a new scheme being launched in Droitwich. The concept originates in Italy.

