peppery rocket leaves. Smoked sea bass retained flavour from the fish, due to its handpreparation methods. The



LE FRANCAIS

Contemporary French
cuisine is presented in a
space that exudes a
comfortably reassuring
warmth. Amidst the
high-backed chairs and
spot lighting, head chef
Jerome Deconinck
invites you on a
culinary experience



with a menu that changes bi-monthly. Foie gras de Canard, or duck liver 'Rougie' is spot on; melt-in-the-mouth gorgeous and paired with the perfect foil to its occasional richness;

humble chicken soup is taken to another level with the poultry consomme 'royal'. A steak of monkfish, roasted and demi-glaced, held its firmness. Chicken breast steeped in red wine and then grilled, displayed an amazing ability to retain water (and alcohol). A circle of beef tenderloin with mashed celery root is devoured quickly, a testament to its all-round popularity with newcomers and regular patrons alike. The much-awaited for desserts arrive in a succession; lavish slabs of bittersweet chocolate terrine in a lemon and saffron sauce, a peppermint chocolate 'After Eight' inspired souffle and thyme flavoured creme brulee are simply irresistible. Lunch is served towards the weekend, with simpler offerings for the palate.

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