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# Winter Ball

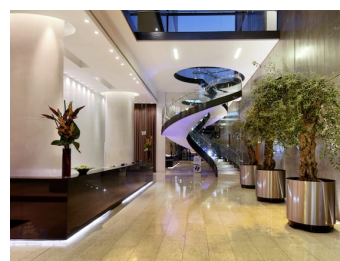
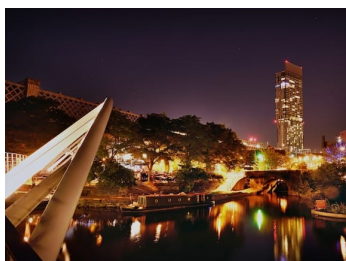
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

## **The Hilton Manchester Deansgate**

We are delighted to announce details for the Manchester Polymer Group's new *WINTER BALL*. Having listened to the supportive feedback following last year's event, we have decided to change the format to make the event attractive to more people from within our industry. Along with a new name, other changes involve reduced formality, including dress code requirements, with black tie (whilst still probably the dress of choice for most) being replaced with a requirement for smart evening wear.

The event will once again be held at The Hilton Manchester Deansgate Hotel, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The dinner will be held in the Deansgate Suite, commencing at 7.30pm, followed by live entertainment from "The Vendettas" with dancing until 1am.

We are sure you will understand that following a review of cost increases over the last two years we have to increase the ticket price to £85 per person (this is the first increase since 2017). We have worked to keep the increase as low as possible and are sure you will still agree that this provides excellent value for money for an evening of socializing, fine food and entertainment, in the modern and comfortable surroundings of this iconic landmark hotel, with spectacular views of Manchester from Cloud 23.



Enclosed with this letter is all the information you will need to organize a successful and enjoyable evening - application form, menu and useful information regarding the planning of your evening.

Thank you for your continued support of the Manchester Polymer Group.

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## WINTER BALL

26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Information on event

**Accommodation:** The offered room rate is for single or double occupancy. The Manchester Polymer Winter Ball allocation is 120 rooms at £149 per room (single or double occupancy which should be specified at the time of booking) per night for bed and breakfast. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel using the following direct reservations link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=MANDGHI&groupCode=APOLY&arrivaldate=2024-01-26&departuredate=2024-01-27&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

*Please contact the hotel directly for reservations of 10 or more rooms*

Please book early as the room rate will revert to the standard rate after 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Manchester City Visitor Charge:** From 1st April 2023 a supplement of £1.00 + VAT per room per night will be added to the final accommodation bill. This supplementary charge is collected from all paid accommodation establishments that fall into the Manchester ABID zone, and the City Visitor Charge is used to fund the Manchester Accommodation and Business Improvement District's activities to develop and promote tourism in Manchester.

**Menu:** The menus, principal and vegan option are detailed below. Other specific dietary requirements may be arranged, in writing, directly with the hotel. Please give the hotel as much notice as possible.

**Accounts** should be arranged directly with the hotel. Please allow at least 3 months to set up an account for the first time, subject to credit approval.

**Drinks** may be pre-ordered for the event by using the following link:

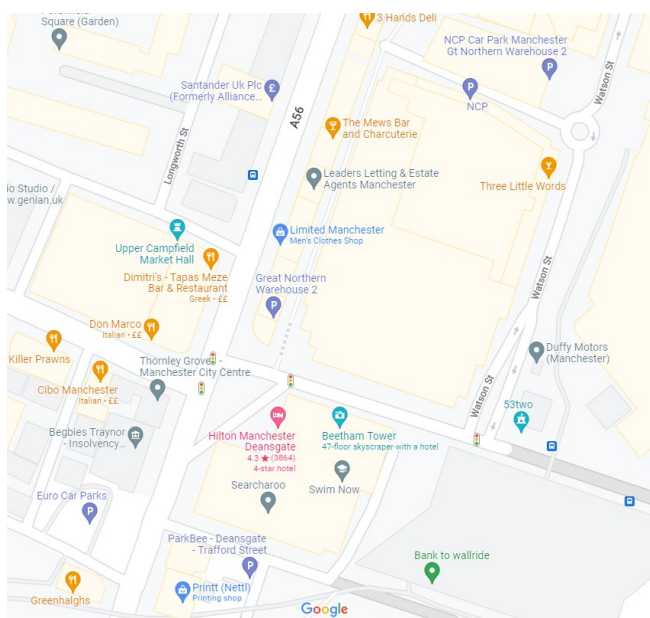
<https://advanceordering.hiltonmanchesterdeansgate.co.uk/order/manchester-polymer-group>

Pre-ordered drinks should be arranged by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Accounts for drinks may be set-up on the evening of the function by credit card, for those not arranging an accommodation account.

**Hospitality rooms** are available for hire by direct arrangement with the hotel. They are allocated on a first come basis and should preferably be booked by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023.



**Location.** The Hilton Manchester Deansgate is located at 303 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 4LQ. Limited valet parking is available at the hotel on a first come basis, please contact the hotel directly as soon as possible. The Great Northern, NCP, is conveniently located directly opposite the hotel and is accessed via Watson St. To use the most convenient parking spaces, turn left into the first section, (heading back towards the hotel rather than going up the spiral entrance), the hotel is directly opposite the pedestrian entrance/exit on Great Bridgewater St. (see map below). The car park cost is approx. £30 for 24hrs with up to 50% discount for hotel residents who should request the code when checking-out.



If required, it is possible to drop-off on the front drive of the hotel. To reach the car park from the hotel drive, turn left onto Deansgate (you are allowed to turn right but in practice this is not usually possible), first right onto Bridgewater St, first right onto Southern St, first right onto Liverpool St, straight across the dog-leg traffic light controlled crossroad to Gt. Bridgewater St. then first left into Watson St.

**Guest lists** should be provided at the earliest opportunity. Blank cards will be available for hosts to complete and bring to the function. Please contact Gary Ogden should you require them.



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**Details and prices correct at time of printing.**



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## *WINTER BALL*

*Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Hilton Manchester Deansgate Hotel*

### MENU

Sweet Potato, Ginger and Coconut, Thai Green Dressing  
(Vegan/GF)

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Cod and Prawn Fishcake, Poached Hen's Egg, Dill Butter Sauce  
(available as gluten free - please advise)

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Braised daube of British Beef, Caramelised Red Onion Mash,  
Baby Leeks, Wholegrain Mustard Sauce  
(available as gluten free - please advise)

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Tropical Eton Mess, Coconut Mousse, Pineapple Salsa, Mango Gel  
(GF) (V)

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Tea / Coffee



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## **VEGAN MENU**

Sweet Potato, Ginger and Coconut, Thai Green Dressing  
(Vegan/GF)

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Dahl Tart, Spiced Tomato and Feta, Rose Harissa Dressing  
(Vegan/GF)

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Cauliflower Katsu, Coconut Curry Sauce, Golden Raisin,  
Pickled Carrot, Puffed Rice  
(Vegan/GF)

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Baked New York Cheesecake, Roast Banana, Banana Caramel  
(Vegan)

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Tea / Coffee



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## **WINTER BALL**

### **Ticket Application**

Date: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Location: The Hilton Manchester Deansgate  
Dress: Smart evening wear – dinner jacket optional  
Reception: 7.00pm for Dinner at 7.30p.m.  
Carriages: 1.00am  
Price: £85 per person

Please complete this form and return to:

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I require .....tickets for the 2024 WINTER BALL and enclose remittance payable to

**THE MANCHESTER POLYMER GROUP** for £ .....

Name .....

Company .....

Address .....

The Manchester Polymer Group would appreciate your support and sponsorship towards the cost of the evening. All funds raised by the event are used to finance the activities of the Manchester Polymer Group.