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Shock as Nick Munier's 'Avenue' restaurant suddenly closes its doors

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NICK Munier's Temple Bar restaurant is off the menu to diners after closing its doors.

After two years in business, 'Avenue by Nick Munier' will finish trading in a shock move that has taken many by surprise.

The decision to shut the doors of the popular eatery in Crow Street, Dublin, only happened earlier this week and customers who had bookings in the restaurant were contacted directly to inform them of the impending closure.

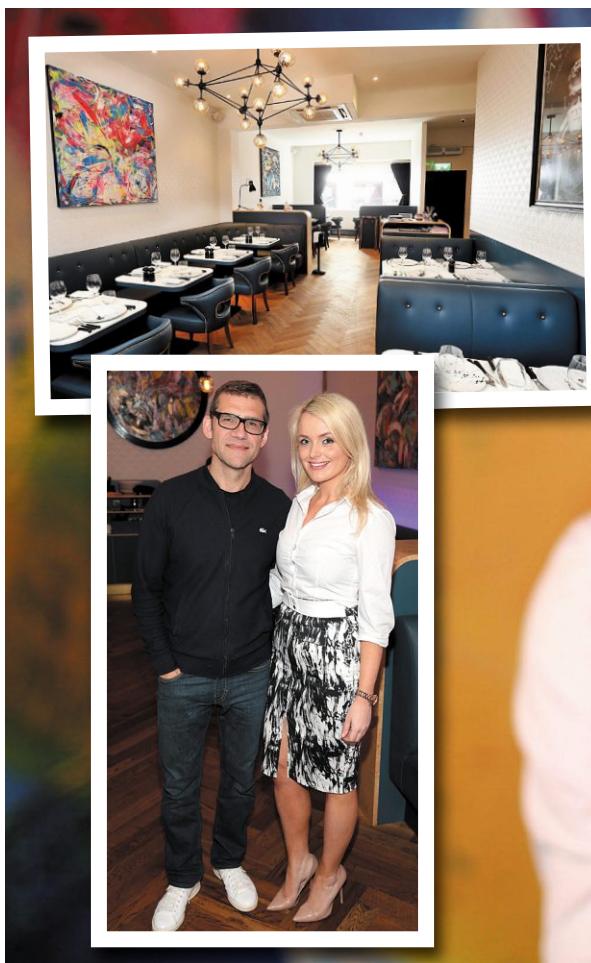
"We are sorry to inform you that unfortunately from Saturday the 22nd of April, we will no longer be trading," the email read.

"Unfortunately we have been left with no option but to close. Both Nick and Alanna (manager) would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to you and wish to extend our sincere thanks for all your support of the business to date."

It is not yet known if the closure is temporary or permanent and no further information is known about the circumstances surrounding it.

When contacted about the news, Mr Munier confirmed he was closing the doors of the Michelin-recommended restaurant and it will cease trading after service today.

In a statement, he said that he wanted to extend his "heartfelt thanks" to his dynamic team of young chefs "led by Felipe"



Restaurateur Nick Munier. Inset, Nick Munier with general manager Alanna Feeney, and the interior of the restaurant. Photos: Gerry Mooney, Brian McEvoy, Steve Humphreys

Armonia along with his dedicated front-of-house staff".

"Both Nick, Felipe and general manager Alanna Feeney also wish to thank their regular customers - many of whom they now consider friends - whose

unbridled support and loyalty since day one has been much appreciated," added the statement.

A well-known figure on the restaurant industry scene, Mr Munier previously set up Pichet on Trinity Street before moving on following a

buyout deal in 2014.

The restaurateur and artist previously worked as a judge on RTÉ's 'MasterChef' series alongside celebrity chef Dylan McGrath from 2011 to 2013, when they also did a celebrity version of the show. He first found fame as the

affable maître d' on Marco Pierre White's flagship show on ITV, 'Hell's Kitchen'. He moved to Ireland more than 10 years ago and went on to work in restaurants like Peacock Alley and Restaurant Patrick Guilbaud.

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