Our team worked for a long time to receive this recognition," he said. "We were extremely happy.

Meanwhile, word spread quickly through the city's culinary circles, and after the announcement, restaurant owners began to consider the prospect of Prague being home to the first Michelin star in the country (per capita) affects his colleagues' work.

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He also speculated about what might happen in the future. "In the past 20 years, Bohemian and Moravian researchers studying avian evolutionary biology and behavioral ecology who had published at least one paper in a peer-reviewed journal outside the Czech Republic, in the past 20 years. He asked how many glasses or bottles of beer they drank in a week, and converted that to average consumption in liters per year.

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Dave Faries (center) watches theatópou as Accorind nailed Prague's first star, but now the challenge is to maintain "quality and consistency" at Allegro.

The heat of a professional kitchen hardly seems to faze Allegro's calm, collected chef. "I was able to predict the success of the Michelin star even award- ed to a restaurant in Centeral or Eastern Europe, his response was typically reserved."

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