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NEW FOOD AND BEVERAGE TEAM TAKES AWARD-WINNING CULINARY HISTORY TO NEW HEIGHTS AT THE ORLANDO WORLD CENTER MARRIOTT

ORLANDO, Fla., - March 15, 2011 – A world-class leader of premier resort properties in the Southeast for nearly 25 years, the [Orlando World Center Marriott](#) holds some of the nation's highest honors for service excellence to include: 24-time winner AAA Four Diamond Award; 24-time consecutive winner Meetings & Conventions Gold Key Award and 22-time consecutive Successful Meetings Pinnacle Award, the most of any hotel in Orlando!

Over the years, Orlando World Center Marriott's culinary professionals have developed an excellent reputation as a leader in the global hospitality industry by working in total harmony to anticipate the needs of guests and exceed expectations. The newly expanded culinary team will continue to bring international insights and exquisite flavors to the world-class venue with the appointment of Mark Beaupre as the new Director of Food & Beverage.

Director of Food & Beverage, Mark Beaupre will oversee 10 diverse restaurants and lounges and a multi-million dollar banquet operation. Formerly Director of Food & Beverage and Executive Chef at the JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes, Beaupre brings more than 25 years of hospitality and culinary experience to the world's largest Marriott. Beaupre is poised to further develop the outstanding reputation of the Orlando World Center Marriott by building on the team that has carefully established and nurtured the Four-Diamond property.

A native of Maine, Chef Mark Beaupre graduated from the Culinary Institute of America. Prestigious awards and accolades garnered over the years include the Food & Beverage Excellence Award, J. Willard Marriott Award of Excellence Nominee, Award of Culinary Excellence and Marriott's Culinary ACE award. His kitchens have received the distinguished Gold Platter Award and the Culinary Excellence Award from the IFMA Association.

Executive Chef, Greg Picard has been with Marriott for nearly 25 years and was a former chef for Mr. Marriott and his family. Chef Greg started his culinary career in upstate New York at his mother's diner and on the family's clam bake. He attended the Culinary Institute of America before serving as Executive Chef at Nashua Marriott Hotel in New Hampshire, Denver City Marriott, Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa and the New Orleans Marriott Hotel, to name a few.

Executive Pastry Chef, Ramon Ramos has zeal for pastries and chocolates which can be seen or tasted in every single one of his treats or show pieces. He discovered his desire to work with pastry from his grandfather and uncle in Mexico, who worked with sugar, ice creams and sorbets. When he was 16 years old he left for California where he took his first steps as a pastry cook at the Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel. Chef Ramon has been with the Marriott and Ritz Carlton Company for 19 years. He was formerly the Executive Pastry Chef at the Ritz-Carlton JW Marriott LA Live.

Dine around the world and experience one of the culinary gems tucked away inside the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort. Home to 10 diverse restaurants and lounges including Mikado's Japanese Steakhouse, serving exemplary sushi combinations and specialty drinks along with fun entertainment by skilled teppan-yaki chefs; Hawk's Landing Steakhouse and Grill, providing America's finest cuts of USDA prime aged beef and fresh seafood and Ristorante Tuscany, showcasing fresh Tuscan favorites and an extensive wine list. High Velocity is also one of the largest and most popular sports bars in Orlando and is taking sports bars to a whole new level.

This meeting destination showcases 450,000 total square-feet of event space, all under one roof and most entirely on one level. It is home to 2,000 guest rooms and suites, most with balconies; 18-hole championship golf course and spa. The sprawling outdoor spaces and terraces, which surround or overlook the resort's impressive million-gallon pool complex, are also perfect venues to host outdoor functions.

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