

Media Release

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Australian Celebrity Chefs Gearing Up for Guam

As winter approaches Sydney, **Dining Downunder™** chefs, Vic Cherikoff (www.cherikoff.net) and Benjamin Christie (<u>www.benjaminchristie.com</u>) are escaping the cold and heading to the sunny pacific island of Guam, to host an Australian Cuisine Promotion at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

The week long event from the 11th - 17th April 2005 is being held in conjunction with the Pacific Hotel & Restaurant Expo (PHARE) and is proudly presented by Dining Downunder[™], Austrade, Continental Airlines and the Hyatt Regency Guam.

Australian Celebrity chefs Vic & Benjamin from the hit TV series Dining Downunder™ will offer an exciting menu of Australian fusion dishes with the innovative native flavours of Australia. Resort guests will experience the flavour bliss of dishes prepared with glacé riberries, Wattleseed, Oz lemon, wild limes, paperbark and over several dozen other authentic Australian ingredients.

Highlights from the menu include;

- Barramundi infused with Oz Lemon topped with a wild Daintree pineapple salsa
- Wok tossed herbed kangaroo with egg noodles, Ozyaki™ and quandong
- Paperbark smoked pork neck with Illawarra plum sauce, stewed apple and munthari
- Wattleseed paylova with a wild fruit couli

As a market leader and innovator, the Hyatt Regency Guam will also host an Australian Hospitality Luncheon for chefs and managers of Guam's top resorts and those attending will get a sneak preview of an emerging range of Australian gourmet products including Charles Sturt University's Australian flavoured cheeses, Cherikoff Rare Spices and N'joi Olive Oils. These will be used to complement Australian lamb, seafood and of course, the wines.

The TV cooking series Dining Downunder™, broadcast recently on ABC Asia Pacific into 32 countries, takes a fresh look at the newest global food trend - authentic Australian cuisine. The show reaches audiences of 13 million households and over 143,730 hotel rooms and has generated a huge interest in the Australian Cuisine Promotions across the region with events already run in Phuket, Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Seoul and scheduled for Guam, Kuala Lumpur, Nagoya and Bangkok with others in negotiation.

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Dining Downunder™

Turning International fusion food, upside down.

The series, which has already screened in 32 countries, has come about from a joint venture between Australian wild food devotee turned Executive Producer, Vic Cherikoff and Canadian TV Producer, Grant Patterson. Vic also hosts the show supported by chefs, Benjamin Christie and Mark McCluskey, who demonstrate that Australian tourism and trade is a lot more than just 'Come on over and meet an Aussie from the bush' but a culinary experience of a fusion of quality foods made globally unique with authentic Australian ingredients.

Dining Downunder Website Cookbook:

www.dining-downunder.com

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