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Lido Beach Resort in Sarasota carves new niche for beach dining *Professional sculptors create table settings in sand so resort's culinary team can serve five-course meals at sunset*

Sarasota, FL – The Lido Beach Resort plans to leave an even bigger footprint in the sand in 2013 while taking beach dining to the next level with its <u>"Over the Top, Down in the Sand"</u> experience.

The unique Sarasota dining package "combines three of the city's richest assets – art, dining and beautiful beaches – to capture the most wonderful sunsets on the planet," according to Karen Rangel, regional director of sales for the resort.



Lido Beach Resort has once again teamed up with the world-renowned professional sand sculptors of Teamsandtastic, who create a table setting literally carved into the sand so diners can enjoy a five-course meal at beach level from renowned Executive Chef Matt Lewis and his culinary team from the Lido Beach Grille, one of the premier Sarasota restaurants.

With the beach setting established, Lewis' team can focus on tantalizing the taste buds of the most discerning foodies. Couples or groups of up to 25 people will start their Sarasota dining experience with their choice of an array of tempting appetizers followed by savory salads

and intermezzos. A climactic surf-and-turf combination will add the ultimate wow factor to the "beach restaurant" before delicately prepared desserts cap off the dining excursion.

Perfect for anniversaries, birthdays, business dinners, wedding proposals, family reunions or just to celebrate everyday joie de vivre, "Over the Top, Down in the Sand" can be customized to fit any theme or occasion. Pricing starts from \$250 per person plus a \$1,500 to \$2,500 beach fee for a personalized sand sculpture.

To book the "Over the Top, Down in the Sand" package or request additional information, contact Karen Rangel by email at <u>Karen.Rangel@oplhotels.com</u> or call 1-941-388-5634.

View a video of the experience online at <u>http://www.lidobeachresort.com/over-the-top-dining</u>.

About Lido Beach Resort

Bask in the glow of the Florida sunshine, take in sweeping views of Lido Key and relax in luxury at the Lido Beach Resort. Featuring two beachfront heated pools and three hot tubs, the Sarasota beach resort invites guests to escape to paradise. Private, well-appointed guest rooms, suites and vacation condos offer flexibility for groups of any size. Comfortable beds, flat-screen televisions and picturesque views deliver a Florida resort experience unlike any other. Enjoy the warm weather on a tropical landscaped sundeck or sip delicious signature drinks at our beachside tiki bar. The Sarasota resort also features a 900-square-foot fitness facility, business center and beach volleyball and cabana rentals. For information, visit <u>www.lidobeachresort.com</u>.