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STUART WHALAN NAMED AS HEAD PASTRY CHEF FOR THE RITZ-CARLTON, SOUTH BEACH

MIAMI, FLA. – July 2017 – Stuart Whalan has been appointed as the new Head Pastry Chef of the luxury oceanfront Ritz-Carlton, South Beach resort. In his new role, Chef Whalan will oversee the pastry creations for the resort's Food & Beverage division, including Bistro One LR, DiLido Beach Club, Club Lounge, In-Room Dining, and Banquets.

Chef Whalan began his culinary journey in Sydney, Australia, graduating with a degree from the Culinary Arts Institute in 1987, followed by positions at The Sydney Boulevard Hotel and Hyatt Hotels and Resorts. In 1996, he took his talents to London where he worked as a Pastry Chef at several Michelin Star restaurants as well as fine dining establishments such as the famous Orrery, Floriana, and L'Escargot.

In 2004, Chef Whalan joined the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong as Head Pastry Chef, before transferring to The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach as Executive Pastry Chef from 2005-2011. Most recently, he operated his own Miami-based pastry business from 2011-2015.

Constantly pushing the boundaries, Whalan's signature creations blend both classical and modern techniques, while striking a balance of *nouveau* textures and flavor combinations that remain



Stuart Whalan, Head Pastry Chef at The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach.

honest and true to his culinary roots of French cuisine. Prominent aspects of his pastry creations include dehydration and *sous vide* techniques as well as unique taste combinations like caramel and *fleur de sel* and licorice and lime.

The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach is located at One Lincoln Road in Miami Beach, Florida. For additional information, please call (800) 241-3333, the hotel directly at (786) 276-4000, a travel professional or visit The Ritz-Carlton website at www.ritzcarlton.com.

About The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach

Located steps from Ocean Drive, The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach is a luxury property that lies in the heart of South Beach. Featuring 375 guest rooms, the property is a restored Art Moderne building in Miami's Art Deco district, close to renowned shopping, dining and nightlife. The property offers a recently redesigned Ritz-Carlton spa with a first-of-its-kind 'Timeless Capsule' concept and traditional ESPA treatments. The newly opened TATEL Miami restaurant serves up a mix of traditional Spanish cuisine along with modern variations of the classics in an upbeat, stylish setting. Additionally, the property houses a multi-million-dollar art collection, a newly enhanced signature Club Lounge, The DiLido Beach Club - the only oceanfront restaurant on South Beach, oceanfront cabanas, a 24-hour fitness center, over 20,000 square feet of meeting space and an elevated outdoor pool overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. For additional information about The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach, please call (800) 241-3333, the hotel directly at (786) 276-4000, a travel professional or visit The Ritz-Carlton website at www.ritzcarlton.com.

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