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THE RITZ-CARLTON RESORTS OF NAPLES BOLSTERS CULINARY TEAM WITH NEW LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Seasoned industry veterans to helm culinary operations at celebrated Naples resorts

NAPLES, Fla. (January 2022) – In an exciting moment of transformation across The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples, the luxury destination is strengthening its culinary team with the promotion of George Fistrovich to Director of Food & Beverage, and the appointment of Satish Yerramilli assuming the position of Executive Chef. With a combined 50 years of culinary experience, Fistrovich and Yerramilli bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the luxury beachfront and golf resort properties.

“As we begin a year that will see the Evolution of an Icon at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, we’re thrilled to expand our strong culinary leadership team and continue to elevate the food and beverage experience in Naples,” said Mark Ferland, Area General Manager of The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples. “With their extensive knowledge of global cooking techniques paired with their creative talent and passion for the brand’s gold standard of excellence, the two will ensure the continued growth and success of our dining destinations and overall culinary experience.”

Guests and locals can look forward to experiencing the ‘Evolution of an Icon,’ a full transformation of The Ritz-Carlton, Naples set to be complete in December 2022. The legendary Gulf Coast resort will reveal 92 new luxury suite accommodations including 57 additional suites and a sprawling Ritz-Carlton Club Lounge as well as dramatic enhancements to the lobby, meeting and event spaces, pools and complete refresh of all existing guest rooms and suites. The duo of Fistrovich and Yerramilli will also unveil a new al-fresco restaurant experience at the resort.

Boasting more than 30 years of fine dining and hospitality experience, George Fistrovich has led the culinary operations as Executive Chef at The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples for over a decade, joining the team in 2011 after six years at The Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, Miami. Throughout his tenure in Naples, Fistrovich has embraced the philosophy of delivering exquisite culinary experiences, where he has introduced innovative programming such as the open fire pop-up restaurant, Alley Kitchen, as well as last year’s Artisan in Residence series bringing the dynamic cuisines of chefs from across the Ritz-Carlton brand to Naples. Alongside elevating the culinary experience for guests and the community, Fistrovich has supported the resort's dining destinations,

in-room services, and extensive catering operations. In his new role as Director of Food & Beverage, Fistrovich brings his expertise and brand experience to managing and overseeing the operations across both resorts and their culinary destinations including DUSK, Gumbo Limbo, and new Latin-inspired poolside destination, Ría, to name a few.

As Executive Chef, Satish Yerramilli will lead all culinary operations and a team of passionate food and beverage professionals. He will also be responsible for the ideation and execution of new, innovative menu offerings and artful culinary experiences. With two decades of international industry experience, Yerramilli has held esteemed leadership positions including Sous Chef at The Oberoi Hotels & Resorts, where he had the opportunity to join the Culinary Development team for Carnival Cruise Lines. He fine-tuned his leadership skills in the United Kingdom at renowned fine dining establishments such as Le Petit Blanc, Brasserie Blanc, and the Two-Michelin Star restaurant Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons. While serving as Executive Chef at the Marriott Meon Valley Hotel & Country Club, located in Hampshire, the opportunity arose to officially join The Ritz-Carlton culinary ranks at the Powerscout, Wicklow property in Dublin and The Ritz-Carlton, Abama in Spain. He also spent time leading the charge at The Ritz-Carlton, Doha and The Ritz-Carlton Herzliya, Israel. Yerramilli is joining the team in Naples after serving at the St. Regis, Toronto.

This dynamic new leadership team looks forward to showcasing fresh, flavorful dining together that mirrors the destination, and pushes the envelope on the culinary guest experience as the resorts evolve and transform in their next chapter.

For more information about The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples, please call 800-542-8680 or visit <https://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/naples/naples-beach>.

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About The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

Located on the pristine white sands of Southwest Florida's Gulf Coast, the Forbes Five Star, AAA Five Diamond, Ritz-Carlton, Naples appeals to today's sophisticated traveler with an array of pampering amenities. With 450 guest rooms and suites—all with stunning views of the Gulf of Mexico—the resort offers a variety of innovative dining experiences, a luxurious, 51,000-square-foot Ritz-Carlton Spa®, two heated pools, a high-tech entertainment lounge, an interactive environmental children's program and a wide selection of beach activities and water sports. Consistently, readers of *Travel + Leisure* and *Condé Nast Traveler* magazines rank The Ritz-Carlton, Naples beach resort among the best in Florida, the U.S., and the world.

About The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples

The Forbes Four Star, AAA Four Diamond Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples is renowned for its exceptional personalized service, inventive cuisine and luxurious accommodations, with

panoramic views of the adjacent Greg Norman-designed Tiburón Golf Club. The 295-room Mediterranean-style resort, ranked as one of the top hotels in the U.S. by Travel + Leisure and U.S. News & World Report is home to a new immersive water experience, The Reservoir, boasting a 600ft lazy river, dedicated family pool and luxury cabanas. Providing an unmatched culinary program, which takes guests on a gastronomic journey around the world, the resort features four unique dining destinations, including the newly debuted Latin-American inspired Ria. The luxury resort is home to a pair of 36-hole signature Greg Norman golf courses at Tiburón. The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples boasts two stunning PGA-level golf courses which host two major professional golf tournaments annually.

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