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## THE RITZ-CARLTON ABU DHABI, GRAND CANAL APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF ALESSANDRO MONTEDORO

Award-winning Italian chef and food author will spearhead a revamped food and beverage offering at the luxury hotel

**Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, June 23 2019:** Chef Alessandro Montedoro, a globally recognized figure in the culinary arts and the author of 'The Curative Cuisine', has been appointed as the Executive Chef at The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi, Grand Canal. After starting his tenure at the luxury hotel on May 16<sup>th</sup>, Chef Alessandro has started working on spearheading a revamped food and beverage offering across The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi's eight restaurants.

Montedoro specializes in modern Italian, Mediterranean, International and Asian cuisine and he has held leading culinary positions in several acclaimed luxury hotels around the world, including Marriott Rome Park Hotel, Marriot Suzhou, JW Marriott Baku, for which he has garnered over eight culinary awards, and The Ritz-Carlton, Beijing where he won several culinary awards as well. His appointment as Executive Chef marks his first endeavor in the UAE and is sure to be instrumental in creating high quality dining experiences at one of Abu Dhabi's most prestigious hotels.

"We are thrilled to be welcoming Chef Alessandro Montedoro to The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi, Grand Canal, where he will be heading up a dynamic culinary team to enhance the property's dining portfolio. We look forward to working together to implement his fresh ideas and create memorable dining experiences for our guests", said Susanne Stier, Director of Sales and Marketing, The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi, Grand Canal.

"The Ritz-Carlton hotels are renowned worldwide for providing enriching dining experiences and impeccable service, which align with my own culinary style and ethos. I look forward to working with the team to inject modern culinary styles and flavours into the dining experiences at Abu Dhabi" said Chef Alessandro Montedoro.

Born in Rome, Italy, Montedoro cultivated his passion for cooking and writing into a profession in which he excelled. In addition to his career in the hospitality industry, Montedoro also ran his own restaurant 'LA LUGE' in Italy for two years, as well as combining his passion for writing and food to create 'The Curative Cuisine', which conveys the healing properties of food and its value in reference to self-care.

The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi, Grand Canal is an escape to a world of Middle Eastern opulence. From sunrises over Al Maqta Creek to sunsets that illuminate Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, every moment reawakens the senses. Located within 10 Venetian-inspired buildings that form a crescent around one of the city's largest outdoor pools, the resort features eight restaurants, five-star accommodation, a holistic spa and 23,000 sq. ft. of event space.

For further information visit the hotel website: http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/uae/abu-dhabi or call the Hotel Information Desk at +971 2 8188 8888.

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