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MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL APPOINTS MASANORI HOSOYA AS GENERAL MANAGER AT THE RITZ-CARLTON, NIKKO

*The Ritz-Carlton Veteran to bring back nostalgic moments in traditional Nikko
with this anticipated hotel opening*

NIKKO, JAPAN – 8 September 2019 The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko today announced the appointment of Masanori Hosoya as General Manager at The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko, slated to open in summer 2020. With more than 17 years in the luxury hotel industry, Masanori will bring his international experience and leadership skills to his new role at The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko.



An outdoor and cultural tourism destination that features many natural wonders and an array of famous Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines, Nikko lies approximately two and a half hours north of Tokyo, in the northern Kanto region of Japan. The 94 spacious guestrooms of The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko, will boast beautiful views of Lake Chuzenji or Mount Nantai, and is enclosed by Nikko National Park. As the first Ritz-Carlton, the hotel will pride itself on its own onsen facility, offering a luxury hot-bath experience known for its medicinal properties, and showcasing the surrounding volcanic hot springs. The hotel will also be within walking distance from Kegon Falls, one of the Three Great Waterfalls of Japan, while the World UNESCO World Heritage site “Shrines and Temples of Nikko”, is only 30 minutes away by car.

“It is a true honor to be the General Manager at The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko and to open this stunning property alongside my wonderful team, as we aim to bring back nostalgic moments to a traditional Nikko,” said Masanori Hosoya,. “With the design of the building, its gardens and art pieces inside, we are creating a sense

of unity with the natural landscape outside, accentuating Nikko's pristine beauty and offering our guests the highest level of quality and service."

"We are thrilled to have such a talented leader at The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko", said Victor Clavell, Vice President of Luxury Asia Pacific, Marriott International. "Leading the newest addition to the Ritz-Carlton's portfolio, Masanori will continue to elevate the brand's memorable experiences and offer our legendary hospitality."

Prior to his appointment, Masanori Hosoya was General Manager of BVLGARI Hotel and Resorts, Tokyo-Osaka Restaurants, positioning the brand and extending it outside its traditional image. He also accumulated expansive knowledge with the Ritz-Carlton brand in various roles at The Ritz-Carlton, Abama, Tenerife, Hotel Arts Barcelona, as well as The Ritz-Carlton Tokyo as Hotel Manager.

Masanori has extended his international experiences by traveling between Spain and Japan. With his acute sensibility of the beauty of Japan, he is able to understand the Japanese culture from a non-Japanese perspective. He enjoys playing golf in summer, skiing in winter, doing yoga after work and playing football with his son on the weekends.

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About The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko

The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko is the first luxury hotel in Tochigi prefecture and is scheduled to launch in summer 2020 as the fifth opening of the brand in Japan. Nikko is a city, which is known to have a long and rich history, most famously the UNESCO Heritage site, "Shrines and Temples of Nikko" and The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko is situated in Nikko National Park, offering 94 spacious guestrooms and suites, two unique restaurants and one bar, a 24-hour fitness studio, restorative spa, and its own onsen facility, which has been used as a healing bath since ancient times. This will be the first attempt for The Ritz-Carlton to showcase an onsen facility, offering a luxury hot bath experience. The hotel is located on scenic Lake Chuzenji and Mount Nantai which is traditionally worshiped as a sacred mountain. Kegon Falls, known as one of the Three Great Waterfalls of Japan is located within walking distance from the hotel and offers magnificent views throughout seasons.

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