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**AN UNDERWATER ADVENTURE DEBUTS AT
THE RITZ-CARLTON, SARASOTA FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

The luxury hotel debuts an edible masterpiece showcasing the lost city of Atlantis

SARASOTA, FL (December 2019) – Step into the lobby of The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota and be transported to an underwater adventure, where the lost city of Atlantis now resides – the edible version that is! A colorful coral reef fortress surrounds the sunken city with sea critters a plenty, while the great Poseidon stands guard over his empire.

Each year, The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota pastry team conceptualizes and creates incredible thematic gingerbread structures, and this is one of their most intricate creations yet. Taking over 400 hours from start to finish and weighing an enormous 3,150 pounds, Atlantis is comprised of 800 pounds of sugar, 500 pounds of gingerbread, 400 pounds of Tropical Foods candy, and nearly 1,500 pounds of sugar paste, icing, Choco-Pan modeling chocolate, Satin Ice fondant, and Valrhona chocolate.

The majestic Atlantis, formed of black and white marble gingerbread, stands tall amongst a vibrant coral reef, filled with colorful fish, stingrays, crustaceans and other sea critters. A giant squid scales the column of the abandoned palace, while a shark floats high above the structure. Paying homage to the turtles that reside on the resort's Beach Club shores, the species makes an appearance within this underwater city. Reigning over the empire, a 100-pound chocolate Poseidon guards Atlantis and the creatures that inhabit the lost city throughout the holidays.

The Atlantis gingerbread creation is now on display at The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota throughout the holiday season. For more information about The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota please visit www.ritzcarlton.com/sarasota or call (941) 309-2000.

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About The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota

A luxury landmark on Florida's central Gulf coast, The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota is conveniently located near the city center overlooking Sarasota Bay, just minutes from premier arts venues, nature sanctuaries, distinctive shopping, fishing and watersports. Named one of the Top Golf Resorts in the World by Condé Nast Traveler, this destination resort is also home to The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Sarasota, named the #3 Spa in the U.S. and Canada by the readers of Travel + Leisure magazine. In addition to a Gulf-front Beach Club, Tom Fazio-designed Golf Club, Spa and Wellness Center, children's recreation programs and 266 guest rooms with Ritz-Carlton Club Level accommodations, The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota offers 218 Residences and a private country club-style Membership.