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THE WESTIN & WILDWOOD SNOWMASS RESORT BRINGS FIVE NEW RESTAURANTS TO THE ASPEN/SNOWMASS DINING SCENE

Snowmass Village, CO – Winter Season 2012/13...When the \$55 million renovation of The Westin and Wildwood Snowmass Resort is unveiled this November 15th, an exciting new culinary scene will debut at the resort with five exciting options for dining and imbibing in Aspen/Snowmass.

Snowmass Kitchen

Snowmass Kitchen features Contemporary American Cuisine offering unique, fresh and innovative flavors in a fusion of traditional European and Asian classic cooking techniques.

The 237-seat restaurant set in a relaxed and contemporary dining atmosphere combines seamless service, intriguing wines, exciting food and sweeping views of Snowmass to create an unforgettable dining experience. Seasonally-inspired menus offer an eclectic blend of cultures and flavors that focus on high-quality, locally produced ingredients. Signature menu items like the Grilled Berkshire Pork Tenderloin served with Palisade Peach BBQ sauce and Serrano Wrapped Ahi highlight the menu.

Snowmass Kitchen also features a ski in/ski out, full-service lunch with hearty soups, gourmet salads, sandwiches, pastas and tacos. With a cozy fireside atmosphere, Snowmass Kitchen offers skiers and riders a quick, delicious meal, without the cafeteria tray. And, given its proximity to the slopes and the Snowmass Mall, it's the ideal place for skiers and non-skiers to regroup during the day.

Snowmass Kitchen serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and features two private dining rooms accommodating up to 36 guests.

The Vue

Après-ski, attention turns to the Vue in Westin's lobby bar overlooking Fanny Hill ski slope and Snowmass Village. Diners enjoy shareable gourmet appetizers and imaginative entrees like Chile Con Queso with Hatch Green Chiles, Duck & Wild Mushroom Potstickers with Ginger Shoyu Sauce and Crab Cakes with Aji Amarillo Gastrique, Rosemary Tomato Jam and Spiced Thai Remoulade sauces.

The Vue offers an extensive selection of handcrafted cocktails, Colorado micro-brews, specialty winter drinks and an expansive list of new world wines by the glass. Open daily from 10:30 a.m. to midnight.

The Ranger Station

Fort Collins, Colorado-based New Belgium Brewing, famous for its Fat Tire Beer, collaborates with Westin Food & Beverage to open The Ranger Station, a slope-side bar and eatery. "This project is a great opportunity to bring something new to an already vibrant Snowmass scene," said New Belgium branding director Josh Holmstrom.

The New Belgium Ranger Station offers Colorado craft beers and seasonal varietals in a casual, après-ski environment. Additionally, 10 New Belgium beers are available on tap. The New Belgium Ranger Station is operated by Patches O'Houllihan Inc. The bar and restaurant serves lunch and dinner with menu items that pair well with the ever-changing New Belgium beer offerings.

Starbucks

Also next to The Ranger Station is The Westin Snowmass Resort's very own Starbucks coffee. It doesn't get much better than ski in/ski out coffee.

The Bar at Wildwood

This cozy-chic hotel bar in the new Wildwood Snowmass is the place to be, where style meets function meets the ideal locale. The Bar at Wildwood features an eclectic mix of vintage and contemporary furnishings creating a hip, yet casual atmosphere. Lounge seating, cozy corners and fireside joiner tables make it the perfect place to share unique appetizers, entrees and specialty pizzas paired with extensive New Belgium craft beers on tap.

Signature pizzas like "The Mountain Man" consisting of wild mushrooms, spinach, braised short ribs, chevre, mozzarella and alfredo sauce are offered along with a host of other classic and non-traditional pizzas. The menu also includes seasonal gourmet soups, specialty salads, wings, burgers and "Fat Tire Beer Battered Fish & Chips". Open until midnight.

The Team

Three talented chefs collaborated on the Contemporary American Cuisine that characterizes the culinary scene at the new Westin and Wildwood Snowmass Resort; each brings significant international experience and taste to the new resort.

- Food and Beverage Director Scott Cochran is a graduate of the French Culinary Institute and honed his skills in the kitchen under world-renowned chefs Ken Oringer at Clio in Boston and Jean Georges Vongerichten in New York. Most recently he oversaw Jean Georges' restaurants in Deer Valley, Utah.
- Executive Chef Ronnie Sanchez has traveled the globe cooking in hotels from Spain to Alaska to Hawaii. He was most recently Executive Chef at the award winning Red Salt on Kauai, where he was known for his contemporary spin on traditional Hawaiian dishes.
- Chef de Cuisine Jami Flatt, who has been cooking in Aspen for 7 years, rounds out the team bringing local sensibilities as well as connections to all the best local farmers and artisanal producers to ensure the freshest, quality ingredients across the operation.

Call 800.525.9402 for reservations or visit www.westinsnowmass.com or www.wildwoodsnowmass.com.

Wildwood Snowmass and The Westin Snowmass Resort are owned by a joint venture between Starwood Capital Group and Wasserman Real Estate. Starwood Hotels & Resorts is overseeing management of the two new hotels.

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