



MICHEL DARMON NAMED FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR AT ENCANTADO, AN AUBERGE RESORT

SANTA FE, N.M. (June 23, 2008) – Further defining itself as the next culinary stronghold in the Santa Fe community, Encantado, the newest Auberge Resort, set to open in August 2008, has just hired Michel Darmon as Food and Beverage Director. With an impeccable pedigree honed by years of experience with The Thomas Keller Restaurant Group and the internationally acclaimed Guy Savoy in Paris, France, Darmon brings the highest of culinary standards to this new property. In his new position, Darmon will oversee all food and beverage operations for the resort and its centerpiece restaurant, Terra, led by Chef Charles Dale.

“In keeping with the culinary hallmark of Auberge Resorts, we have poised Encantado to be an industry leader in food and beverage. I am certain we have found a talented leader in Michel,” explained General Manager Jeff Mahan. “His expertise in the world of fine dining will prove invaluable to the level of service and quality on property.”

Darmon has served more than four years under America’s most famous chef, Thomas Keller, most recently as General Manager at Bouchon Restaurant in Yountville, Calif. Previously, Darmon served as part of the opening management teams for Keller restaurants Ad Hoc (Yountville, Calif.) and Per Se (New York City), charged with defining the menu and restaurant concepts, hiring and training staff, and maintaining the service and quality level of some of the most highly acclaimed restaurants in the United States. In addition to The Thomas Keller Restaurant Group, Darmon’s culinary background speaks to experience at such renowned establishments as the famed Guy Savoy in Paris, France; The River Café in Brooklyn, New York; and The Millenium Restaurant Group in New York City.

Terra, Santa Fe’s newest dining destination with a 60-seat dining room and 40-seat bar, is set to open in August 2008 as one of the central elements to the much-anticipated Encantado Resort. With Chef Charles Dale, formerly recognized as one of *Food & Wine Magazine’s* Best New Chefs in America, at the helm in the kitchen and *James Beard Award*-winning restaurant design firm AvroKO charged

with inventing the indoor/outdoor space, Terra is positioned to redefine the Santa Fe dining scene. The cuisine at Terra will pay tribute to the cross-cultural legacy and bounty of Santa Fe with an extensive 10,000 square foot onsite organic kitchen garden, allowing for interactive guest experiences and programs.

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For more information about Encantado, an Auberge Resort, please call 877-262-4666 or visit: www.encantadoresort.com.

About Auberge Resorts

Encantado is the newest property of Auberge Resorts, a collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs, each with a unique personality that assures a memorable guest experience. Among the distinctive properties are Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley; and The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, South Carolina, with several others currently in development. While Auberge Resorts nurtures the individuality of each establishment, all are characterized by a set of communal elements: intimate, understated elegance; captivating locations that inspire exceptional cuisine and spa experiences; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit www.aubergeresorts.com.

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