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JW MARRIOTT HOUSTON DOWNTOWN NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF

HOUSTON – Houston-based Pearl Hospitality today announced Josh Mouzakes as the new Executive Chef at the historic JW Marriott Houston Downtown, located at 806 Main. In this role, he will oversee all aspects of the luxury hotel’s food and beverage offerings, including Main Kitchen Restaurant, 806 Lounge and catering.

Chef Mouzakes began his culinary journey at 13 years old on Long Island, and five years later at the age of 18, he officially began his career at The French Laundry, the three-Michelin-starred restaurant which continues to be touted as one of the finest restaurants in the world. He continued to train under some of the leading French-trained chefs in the world including Guy Reuge at New York’s Mirabelle Restaurant in The Three Village Inn as well as Joël Robuchon at his restaurant in the MGM Grand Las Vegas.

He most recently served for three years as Chef de Cuisine for Fine Dining and Executive Banquet Chef at San Diego’s historic Hotel del Coronado, where he successfully helped manage the hotel’s entire culinary team.

“The architecture along with the hotel’s southern hospitality and impeccable service at the JW Marriott Houston Downtown is what drew me to join the city’s impressive culinary movement,” said Mouzakes. “I also gravitated toward the hotel’s Main Kitchen Restaurant living room vibe that is luxurious without being pretentious.”

Mouzakes plans include reinventing Texas favorite recipes, incorporating modern cooking techniques and creating new seasonal and off-menu dinners.

“We hand-picked Mouzakes for his artistic ability to create beautiful food that features various textures and colors, balanced with incredible flavor, as well as his expertise in large catered events,” said Natalie Wiseman, Pearl Hospitality. “The Main Kitchen at the JW Marriott Houston Downtown continues to be a go-to spot for downtown culinary experiences, including interactive cooking and cocktail demonstrations, meet and greets with Houston farmers and tastings with renowned winemakers. Along with making his mark, Chef Josh continue to drive the restaurant’s success into its next culinary phase.

Mouzakes is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University, one of the nation’s top culinary programs.

About JW Marriott Houston Downtown

Developed by Pearl Hospitality, the 328-room JW Marriott Houston Downtown is located at 806 Main. The 1910 historic landmark building is JW brand’s first hotel that is an adaptive reuse of a building in Texas. The artfully designed hotel is inspired by Houston’s rich history and heritage, a modern attitude, a vibrant arts community and its colorful culinary scene. The luxurious rooms, exquisitely crafted cuisine, the first Spa by JW worldwide, a curated art collection and prime downtown location makes the JW Marriott Houston Downtown Hotel the new heart of Houston’s hospitality.

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