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BANYAN TREE DEBUTS NEW IMMERSIVE CHEF'S TABLE EXPERIENCE

Chef Donovan Foster crafts a new five-course menu each week to honor exquisite local Maui product and showcase his boundless creativity



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KAPALUA, MAUI, HI (November 13, 2024) — The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua is pleased to introduce the Chef's Table, an immersive new dining experience at its signature restaurant, Banyan Tree.

Each Friday, Chef Donovan Foster crafts a wholly unique five-course tasting menu with local, seasonal ingredients that showcases the best of the Hawaiian Islands. During each dinner, guests can engage with the chef, ask questions, and learn about culinary inspirations and local purveyors. Foster presents each course while diners enjoy a natural sensory experience under the Maui stars alongside tiki torches, fire pits, and extraordinary ocean views.

"The Chef's Table allows me to be creative, experiment, and play with culinary ideas that have run through my mind for months," says Foster, a self-professed 'food geek.' "I love food. I love feeding people and the connections that sharing a meal creates. This is a fun new way to experience the Banyan Tree restaurant, because no two menus will be the same."

The new series is a natural extension of Foster's culinary philosophy. Passionate about sustainable sourcing, his commitment to honoring the bounty of Hawai'i shines through in his seasonal menus, which celebrate the vibrant flavors of the islands, from land to sea. He also encourages his team to continuously explore new techniques and ingredients, fostering a culture of creativity and innovation in the kitchen. With Banyan Tree's menu, Foster aims to surprise and delight guests with each dish.

Taking place every Friday night at 5:30 p.m., Chef's Table is available for \$150 per person, with optional wine and drink pairings. The Chef's Table menu will feature five courses and change every week. Seating is at a communal outdoor table with a maximum of 10 guests.

Whether celebrating a special occasion or simply looking to indulge in an extraordinary meal, the Chef's Table promises to deliver an evening of culinary excellence that will leave a lasting impression.

For more information on the Banyan Tree restaurant, visit <u>www.banyantreekapalua.com</u>. Reservations are available at <u>Open Table</u> or by calling the resort's concierge at 808-665-7089.

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The luxurious Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua showcases a stunning, destination resort offering 468 newly reimagined guestrooms, including 107 residential suites, with all new décor capturing Kapalua's rich heritage and natural aloha. The Ritz-Carlton Spa® Maui, Kapalua beckons with treatment rooms framed by private garden showers, volcanic stone grottos, steam, sauna and whirlpool therapies, outdoor couple's hale (cabanas) and a fitness center and movement studio with spectacular ocean views. Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment program offers all interest levels an array of outdoor activities from land to sea, led by trained naturalists. The breathtaking island resort also features six dining experiences, enhanced indoor/outdoor meeting space, an inviting children's pool and new, custom luxury cabanas. The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua is nestled on 54 acres and enveloped by the 22,000-acre Kapalua Resort, renowned for two championship golf courses, award-winning restaurants and the site of historic pineapple fields. For more information about The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, visit www.ritzcarlton.com/maui