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Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort Reveals Luxury Eatery: ARIO

All New Fine Dining Restaurant Delivers Globally Inspired Flavors

MARCO ISLAND, Fla. (October 21, 2015) – Formerly known as Kurrents, The Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa has recently debuted all-new dining concept, ARIO. Catering to global nomads seeking a meal to match their desire for simple ingredients with intriguing flavor profiles, ARIO elevates the standard for sensorial resort dining. Opened on October 1st, the restaurant delivers a unique, world-class culinary experience to guests, from an extensive, international wine list and handcrafted cocktails, to in-house dry-aged steaks and local, Gulf of Mexico seafood.

Inspired by the passion of delivering a primal dining experience for discerning epicureans, the menu at ARIO focuses on the craft of artisanal dry-aged meat, local seafood selections and features salts and spices from around the world that allow for globally inspired flavors. The chef's vision of using quality ingredients with simple preparation techniques will deliver an unforgettable dining experience for resort guests and local visitors alike.

Leading the culinary team as Chef de Cuisine, Gerald Sombright brings his 15 years of experience, culinary pedigree and detail for precision in fine dining restaurants to the kitchen at ARIO. Originally from St. Louis, MO, Chef Sombright has worked for such esteemed personalities as James Beard-awarded chef, Lou Rook and Celebrity Chef Michael Mina. Most recently Chef Sombright helmed the kitchen at PB&G inside the Four Seasons Resort in Orlando.

"ARIO excites me. Being able to cook in such a beautiful location with so many natural resources at my fingertips is a source for endless inspiration," said Chef Sombright. "Each night we are taking guests on a culinary journey through our menu and hopefully creating new and lasting experiences for them."

A signature feature of the new space, ARIO will feature a chef's table room with pass through window to the kitchen. Here, guests will be able to experience a one-on-one interaction with the chef and an exclusive menu. Located just behind the bar and surrounded by racks of glass-enclosed wine bottles, the private Wine Tasting room is an ideal escape for oenophiles seeking the perfect pairings for their meal. Furthermore, guests who partake in one of the four dry-aged steak selections and are curious about the process are invited to explore the dry aging room in the back of the house.

The interior design at ARIO is just as enticing as the cuisine. Large-scale slabs of onyx located behind the bar are lit from within to cast a glowing ambience around the spirits used to make their signature handcrafted cocktails. Inset points of fiber optic lighting designed into the ceiling replicate the stars in the night sky, while the use of rich woods, earthly stone surfaces, supple leathers and textured fabrics create a luxurious aesthetic and welcoming environment for guests.

ARIO is open daily for dinner from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. For more information and full menu, visit www.ArioPrime.com.

About Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa

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