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BENJAMIN MEYER JOINS IRIDESCENCE AS NEW CHEF DE CUISINE

Restaurant also unveils new fall menu

DETROIT, September XX, 2012 – Benjamin Meyer has been named the new Chef de Cuisine at Detroit-based Iridescence restaurant, a premiere AAA Four-Diamond dining destination and 2011 winner of the prestigious Hour Magazine Best Restaurant of the Year award.

In addition to managing the kitchen, and creating and preparing innovative new dishes, Meyer is responsible for collaborating with MotorCity Casino Hotel Executive Chef Don Yamauchi to develop and debut the restaurant's new fall menu. Prior to joining Iridescence, Meyer served as Executive Chef at Birmingham, Mich.-based Chen Chow Brasserie. He also assisted in the openings of both Michael Mina restaurants, Bourbon Steak and Saltwater, located at MGM Grand Detroit. Previously, Chef Meyer accelerated his craft, while working closely with Chef Yamauchi as Chef de Cuisine at the former Farmington Hills, Mich.-based Tribute.

"Benjamin's wealth of experience and expertise in various facets of the culinary industry, coupled with his undeniable talent, make him a valuable asset to our staff." said Yamauchi.

Meyer earned his Bachelor's degree in culinary arts *summa cum laude* from Johnson & Wales University, and an Associate's degree in business management from Washtenaw Community College. Additionally, Meyer studied at both the Suan Dusit International Culinary School in Bangkok and the At-Sunrice Culinary Academy in Singapore, where he specialized in Thai and Pan Asian cuisine.

Meyer is a strong supporter of giving back to the community through food-related programs, and is involved in various charitable initiatives throughout metro Detroit, including Growing Hope, Share Our Strength, and Forgotten Harvest.

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About MotorCity Casino Hotel

Located on Grand River Avenue at the Lodge Freeway (M-10), MotorCity Casino Hotel is owned by Marian Ilitch and is the only locally-owned and operated casino in Detroit. The entertainment complex is comprised of an expansive gaming space including a smoke-free gaming area and an award-winning 400-room ultra-comfortable and high tech hotel with a luxury spa and fitness center. MotorCity Casino Hotel offers several unique dining options including Iridescence, an award winning fine dining restaurant, Little Caesars, the Assembly Line buffet, the Lodge Diner, Pit Stop and the Grand River Deli. Other amenities include Sound Board, an intimate live performance venue, and over 67,000 square feet of function and banquet space. For more information about MotorCity Casino Hotel, or to make a reservation, visit www.MotorCityCasinoHotel.com or call 1-866-STAY-MCC.

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