



GRAND FIESTA AMERICANA CORAL BEACH CANCUN ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF

LAUNCHES NEW MENU AT AAA FIVE DIAMOND RESTAURANT LE BASILIC

CANCUN, MEXICO- February 2017- Grand Fiesta Americana Coral Beach is pleased to announce the resorts newly appointed **Executive Chef Sergio Zarate**. With 20 years of culinary experience, Zarate is responsible for running all food and beverage operations, ensuring that the quality and service is up to the resorts luxury standards. For the past two years, Zarate has managed the resort's restaurants as well as banquet facilities, which often times hosts multiple events in one day. In addition, he was a host Chef for the **Wine and Food Festival, Cancun-Riviera Maya in 2015 and 2016**



Previously, Zarate held executive chef positions at resorts throughout the region including Fairmont Hotels & Resorts Mayakoba, and collaborated at other 5 Diamond restaurants such as The Club Grill and Fantino at The Ritz Carlton, He also had the honor of cooking for the royal family of Bahrain as their private chef. Zarate's technique is extremely ingredient focused, as he is constantly searching for new products and developing new recipes. His passion shines through his dishes, as he experiments with exciting ways to incorporate fresh and seasonal ingredients as he explains, "My inspiration is always based on creating, I am very fond of music, art, and nature. Driven by the sense of smell, touch, taste and color".

During Zarate's first few months as Executive Chef, he launched a new menu at Coral Beach's French Mediterranean Restaurant Le Basilic, one of the few restaurants in Mexico to hold the AAA Five Diamond distinction. Guests dining at the restaurant



enjoy a unique culinary experience while watching a local Mexican artist's work come to life against the backdrop of live jazz, ultimately combining Zarate's enthusiasm for the arts and love of mouth-watering cuisine.

Those looking to indulge their taste buds will enjoy Le Basilic's new menu highlights which include: Lobster Escalope with white cabbage, served with an orange reduction and currents in a basil sauce; Foie gras, mushrooms and truffle ravioli served with duck jus and milk emulsion; Grouper fillet, served with fig compote and asparagus in a white wine and tarragon roasted yellow pepper sauce. Zarate's new menu allows guests to choose from an array of inventive, French inspired seafood, meats, salads and vegetarian dishes.

Le Basilic is open Monday through Saturday from 6:30PM to 11:00PM for dinner and requires elegant attire.

ABOUT CORAL BEACH

Located on Cancun's most secluded stretch of white sand beach, Grand Fiesta Americana Coral Beach Cancun Resort and Spa offers 602 all-suite ocean front accommodations, each with a private terrace facing the turquoise waters of the Caribbean and lagoon-like pool. The resort's top two floors are dedicated to the Grand Club, which provides lavish services and above-and-beyond amenities both pool and beachside as well as a dedicated lounge and a 24-hour concierge service. The 40,000 square foot, sleekly-designed Coral Beach Gem Spa offers innovative treatments inspired by gemstone therapy and a dramatic 10-step Hydrotherapy Ritual. Perfect for the whole family to enjoy, the resort's newest addition - Coral KidZ Club - a \$2 million, 40,000 square foot innovative and interactive "high-tech playground" features an array of ground-breaking indoor and outdoor activities. Guests can choose from a variety dining outlets, including the AAA Five-Diamond Le Basilic serving French Mediterranean cuisine and La Joya, an authentic Mexican experience replete with tequila lounge. A perfect blend of serenity and activity, the resort is steps away from Cancun's vibrant nightlife, entertainment and luxury shopping as well as the high-speed ferry to colorful and picturesque Isla Mujeres. This award-winning resort is a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts. Coral Beach is a La Colección property, which is comprised of 12 distinctive Posadas hotels, the largest hotel operator in Mexico. Each La Colección hotel characterizes Mexico's culture and are located in the best destinations in the country. For further information, please visit: www.lacoleccion.com

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