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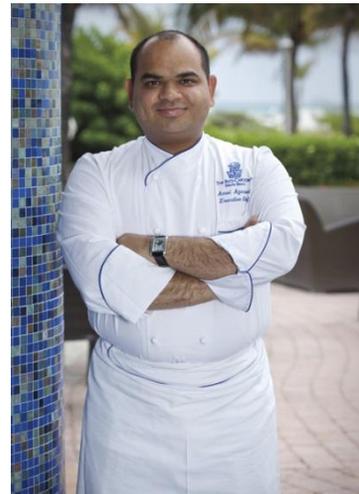
THE RITZ-CARLTON, SOUTH BEACH IS SPICING UP THE SOUTH BEACH WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL

Chef Amol Agarwal hosts Flavors of India event

SOUTH BEACH, FL – FEBRUARY 11, 2015 – [The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach](#) is taking you on a hundred-foot journey of Indian cuisine serving up a mouth-watering variety of regional delicacies. Flavors of India, held on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 7p.m., is part of The New York Times Dinner Series for the South Beach Food and Wine Festival.

Executive Chef Amol Agarwal, a native of India, will heat things up in the kitchen with Chef Asha Gomez, recognized world-wide as a culinary leader in Indian cuisine.

Chef Gomez was born in Kerala, the southwestern-most state of India that resides on what was formerly known as the Malabar Coast. The area's unique and multilayered culture, a result of its vital position on the ancient spice routes between Europe and Asia, provides much of the inspiration for Asha's creations. Chef Gomez owns Spice to Table restaurant in Atlanta, Georgia, a casual Indian patisserie that has garnered national and local acclaim.



Chef Amol Agarwal began his culinary career in 1993 after enrolling in the Institute of Hotel Management and Culinary Arts in Chennai, India. His culinary tour has led him through the Taj Connemara Hotel, the Four Seasons in Goa, India and Khuda Huraa in the Maldives, the AAA Five-diamond Ritz-Carlton Rose Hall Golf & Spa Resort in Jamaica, The Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel & Spa in Pasadena, California The Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Beijing, China and the JW Marriott, Camelback Inn in Scottsdale, Arizona. In 2012 Chef Amol accepted the position of Executive Chef at The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach where he is responsible for five distinguished Food & Beverage outlets, banquets and the luxury oceanfront hotel's entire culinary operation.

“I look forward to creating recipes from my homeland with Chef Gomez,” said Chef Amol. “She will bring her Southern influences from Atlanta, and I will bring in my influences from South Florida. Guests will be taken on a tasting tour of India, with a touch of U.S inspiration.”

For more information or tickets to the South Beach Wine and Food Festival visit www.sobefest.com.

The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach is located at One Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, FL. For additional information visit ritzcarlton.com/southbeach or call (786) 276-4006.

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The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach is an oasis of luxury and bliss located in the epicenter of South Beach - The restored Art Moderne building in Miami's famed Art Deco district exudes an air of modern sophistication and refined elegance. The resort features 375 newly-renovated guest rooms that draw inspiration from the azure waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Miami's golden sandy beaches and the vigor of South Beach. The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach lies on Miami's most famous beach and is located just steps from Ocean Drive and Lincoln Road - a 10-block pedestrian esplanade with world renowned shopping, dining, nightlife and people-watching. Its centerpieces include the only Ritz-Carlton Spa featuring exclusively La Maison de Beauté Carita, a multi-million dollar art collection, The DiLido Beach Club – the only oceanfront restaurant on South Beach, VIP oceanfront cabanas, 24-hour Fitness Center, grand ballroom, meeting rooms, and elevated outdoor pool overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. For additional information about The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach please call (800) 241-3333, the hotel directly at 786-276-4000, a travel professional or visit The Ritz-Carlton web site at www.ritzcarlton.com.