

LE MÉRIDIEN PICCADILLY ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL DUTNALL AS CHEF DE CUISINE

June 2011 – Le Méridien Piccadilly announces the appointment of acclaimed chef, Michael Dutnall, as Chef de Cuisine of Le Méridien Piccadilly, London. Considered a key emerging young talent within the culinary world, Michael joins Le Méridien Piccadilly from White's, the traditional gentleman's club in St James, where he worked as Sous Chef.

London-born Dutnall began his career at The Connaught, serving a five year apprenticeship under Michel Bourdin. In 2009, Dutnall was awarded the Master of Culinary Arts from Britain's Academy of Culinary Arts. Success continued in 2010 when Dutnall was selected to represent the UK in the Trophée Passion – an internationally renowned culinary competition held every two years in Paris. Dutnall was awarded the top accolade in the dessert section and placed third overall in the competition.

Reporting to Saurabh Kukreja, Executive Assistant Manager, Dutnall will be charged with re-designing the menu at The Terrace, Le Méridien's chic fifth-floor restaurant that overlooks Piccadilly.

Oscar del Campo, General Manager of Le Méridien Piccadilly said of the announcement, "We are delighted to welcome Michael to Le Méridien Piccadilly. His tremendous experience, expertise and energy will inject creativity into the menu at The Terrace."

For more information about Le Méridien Piccadilly, visit www.lemeridienpiccadilly.com.

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About Le Méridien

Le Méridien, the French-born hotel brand currently represented by 107 properties in 50 countries, was acquired by Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (NYSE: HOT) in November 2005. Since then, Le Méridien has gone through a brand re-launch, which included appointing a full-time Cultural Curator – French arts-provocateur Jérôme Sans – and transforming numerous guest touch points, thus bringing unique and interactive experiences to its guests. With close to 80 of its properties located in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia-Pacific, Le Méridien brand provides a strong international complement to Starwood's primarily North American holdings. Plans call for dynamic expansion of Le Méridien hotels and resorts within the next five years, concentrating in the U.S., Latin America, and Asia-Pacific, including destinations such as India, Thailand and China. Le Méridien Hotels recently opened new hotels in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Shimei Bay (China), Dallas and will open in Philadelphia in the coming months, and has recently signed new hotel deals in Taipei, Xiamen, Chongqing Nan'an, and Qingdao (China). For more information, please visit www.lemeridien.com.

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