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New Chef at the Ritz as September Sizzles

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Chef Inder Suryawanshi joins Ritz Carlton Resort Naples.

It's time to Sizzle

Sizzle Dining is in full swing throughout September, featuring prix-fixe lunch and dinner deals across dozens of restaurants in Naples, Marco Island,Bonita Springs, Estero, Fort Myers Beach, Fort Myers, Pine Island, Cape Coral and Babcock Ranch.

Sizzle Dining is partnering with Blessings in a Backpack SWFL for this event. For every meal sold, the participating restaurant will donate $1 to help feed food insecure elementary school children in Southwest Florida. sizzledining.org/.

‘Chef Inder’ joins Ritz Residences

Indrajit “Chef Inder” Suryawanshi has been named executive chef of The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples, a development slated for completion this fall.

Suryawanshi will oversee all culinary operations throughout the property, drawing on nearly 20 years of experience across Marriott International’s portfolio.

The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples, comprises 128 estate-like residences across five buildings set on six acres between the Gulf of Mexico and Vanderbilt Lagoon. It will feature more than 50,000 square feet of private amenities, including dining venues led by Suryawanshi, along with a full-service marina, spa and the Vanderbilt Club.

“Great dining is an important part of how people experience home, and Chef Inder understands that,” said Brian Stock, CEO of STOCK Development. “He brings an impressive luxury hospitality background, but what stood out to us is his commitment to creating memorable experiences that feel personal. We believe he will elevate every aspect of dining at The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Naples.”

Suryawanshi joins The Residences following a culinary career spanning luxury properties throughout the United States, the Middle East and India. Most recently, he served as executive chef of JW Marriott Clearwater Beach Resort & Spa, where he led culinary operations for the waterfront resort.

“Every dish should tell a story,” said Suryawanshi. “Whether it’s freshly caught Gulf seafood or ingredients sourced from local farms and artisans, I want residents to feel connected to the people and places behind every meal. Our goal is to create dining experiences that are memorable, personal and rooted in Southwest Florida.”

Suryawanshi plans to introduce farm-to-table and boat-to-table dining experiences that highlight the area’s fresh seafood and seasonal ingredients.

“Residents aren’t simply guests; this is their home,” said Suryawanshi. “Every dining experience should feel personal, whether it’s a family meal, a favorite comfort dish or a special occasion. We want to create moments residents look forward to sharing again and again.”

Suryawanshi’s passion for hospitality traces back to his childhood in India, where he first learned to cook alongside his mother. That early appreciation for craftsmanship continues to influence his culinary philosophy today, which he often summarizes as: “Cook like Grandma, plate like an artist.”

The Residences’ sales gallery is located at 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Ste. 106. 239-249-6260 or RCRNaples.com.

Openings and closings

* Cazaroto Pizza & Pasta opened earlier this year in Bonita Springs, serving Brazilian all-you-can-eat pizza in 100 rotating flavors as well as pasta and dessert pizzas. The owners previously operated three restaurants in Brazil. 239-317-2185; 25271 Chamber of Commerce Dr., Bonita Springs; www.facebook.com/p/Cazaroto-Pizza-Pasta-61577865837469/.

* Doug's Seafood in Bonita Springs has permanently closed. In an online post, owners said the decision was made "after much thought and consideration." They went on to customers, friends and the community for their support for the past two years. "You made Doug's Seafood more than just a restaurant. You made it family," the message said. The restaurant was located at 3411 Bonita Beach Road.

* Break the Fast opened in June in Bonita Springs. The casual spot serves breakfast and lunch daily from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 239-319-5873; 25301 S. Tamiami Trail, Ste. 2, Bonita Springs; breakthefastfl.com/.

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