



LOS CABOS

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**MONTAGE LOS CABOS ANNOUNCES CULINARY TEAM AND RESTAURANT CONCEPTS**

*Resort's Restaurants and Culinary Programming to be Led by Chefs Xavier Salomon, Alexis Palacios and Victor Valencia*

LOS CABOS, Mexico. (May 24, 2018) – Today, Montage Los Cabos announces the culinary team and restaurant concepts in advance of the May 31, 2018 resort opening. The resort's food and beverage team will be led by Executive Chef Xavier Salomon, who will oversee all food and beverage programming across the resort including in-room dining, culinary partnerships and kitchen operations. Alexis Palacios has been appointed to Executive Chef of Mezcal and Chef Victor Valencia will oversee culinary operations for Marea.

**Montage Los Cabos - Executive Chef Xavier Salomon** – With more than 25 years of culinary experience, Chef Salomon has been appointed to executive chef of Montage Los Cabos where he will oversee the resort's operations including Mezcal – the resort's signature restaurant; Marea – the ocean front restaurant; as well as banquets, in-room dining, culinary partnerships and overall kitchen operations. As a fifth-generation French Master Chef, Salomon draws his passion for food from his family tradition and European upbringing, which included training under Jo Rostang at his Michelin three-star restaurant La Bonne Auberge in Antibes, France. Throughout his impressive career, Salomon opened 22 Ritz-Carlton hotels around the world including Moscow and Beijing and mentored many of the company's top chefs. For the past 17 years, Salomon oversaw all dining experiences, weddings, meetings and special events at The Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay. Last year, Salomon was awarded the 2017 "French Master Chef of the Year" award for USA-Canada by L'Association de Maitres Cuisiniers de France.

**Mezcal - Executive Chef Alexis Palacios** – The resort's signature restaurant, **Mezcal**, will be led by Chef Alexis Palacios and is a modern Mexican kitchen featuring reimagined interpretations of ancestral culinary traditions, serving breakfast and dinner. Guests will experience a gastronomic journey through a menu that is creative, fresh and authentic, including specialties such as octopus *tiradito*, crispy pork belly taco and a traditional *tamal de rajas* and indulge in a lively and sophisticated setting that pays homage to Mexico's history. Chef Alexis Palacios started his career with Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts in Austin, Texas and Dubai. He then moved to Los Cabos, where he held the positions of Executive Sous Chef at both Esperanza, an Auberge Resort and One&Only Palmilla. He joined the team at the exclusive residential community of Maravilla Los Cabos where he was the opening Executive Chef. Later, he became the Executive Chef at acclaimed Acre before taking on his

role at Montage Los Cabos. With more than 10 years of experience, Chef Alexis Palacios brings a modern and authentic dining experience to the resort.

**Marea - Chef Victor Valencia** – On the shores of iconic Santa Maria Bay resides **Marea**, a beachfront gathering place with panoramic views of the Sea of Cortez offering breakfast, lunch and dinner. By day, the Baja-inspired cuisine features the finest locally sourced ingredients and offers a menu that is familiar yet authentic, ranging from a fresh aguachile to the signature Marea burger. Marea by Night, features exquisite cuts of aged meats and freshly caught seafood. Previously, Chef Victor Valencia held the positions of Chef de Partie at Capella Pedregal and the Sous Chef of catering at One&Only Palmilla. Prior to joining Montage Los Cabos, he led the culinary operations at the Ty Warner Mansion at Las Ventanas al Paraíso. With more than 20 years of experience, Chef Valencia brings extensive knowledge of international dishes and new trends in Mexican cuisine.

**Paletas** – Paletas is a contemporary marketplace featuring Mexican sweets, sundries and coffeeserving a wide array of options from freshly baked Mexican pastries to gourmet sandwiches. Guests can indulge in a delicious hot chocolate or savor a traditional home-made paleta. In addition to the exquisite gourmet options, there's a creative mix of locally crafted gifts, sundries, artwork and apparel.

“Chefs Salomon, Palacios and Valencia are instrumental in the unique – and memorable –culinary program we’ll soon unveil at Montage Los Cabos”, said Marco Ortlam, general manager of Montage Los Cabos. “We hand-selected these culinary masterminds to lead our food and beverage team and look forward to bringing their creativity and tasteful dishes evocative of this beautiful destination for guests to experience at the resort.”

For reservations and more information about Montage Los Cabos, please visit <https://www.montagehotels.com/loscabos> or follow @montageloscabos.

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#### **About Montage Los Cabos**

Montage Los Cabos is situated within The Twin Dolphin master planned community located on the “Golden Corridor” between Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo on the southernmost tip of the Baja Peninsula in Mexico. Situated upon 39 acres of beachfront overlooking the azure waters of Santa Maria Bay, the resort offers spectacular views and immediate, walk-in access to the finest swimming, diving and snorkeling in the region. Montage Los Cabos features 124 expansive guestrooms and suites and 52 furnished resort-style Montage Residences offering indoor-outdoor living. The resort features Montage’s signature Spa Montage, multiple dining venues, tennis and recreational lawn facilities, three pools, Montage’s signature children’s program, Paintbox, and 5,100 square feet of indoor meeting and event space as well as multiple outdoor beachside event lawns. Montage Los Cabos guests and residents also have access to The Fred Couples Signature Golf Course. For more information, follow @montageloscabos or visit [www.montagehotels.com/loscabos](http://www.montagehotels.com/loscabos).

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