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**THE LOFT INTRODUCES FIRST-EVER
WEEKEND BRUNCH MENU**

Chef Michael Campbell brings much-anticipated Brunch menu to The Loft at Montage Laguna Beach

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. (NOVEMBER 2016) – After much anticipation, The Loft will introduce Weekend Brunch beginning Saturday, November 19th. Having previously only offered Brunch on select holidays, the Laguna Beach waterfront restaurant will now offer an a la carte menu every Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chef de Cuisine Michael Campbell presents an elevated menu of brunch-time favorites, alongside unique dishes with interesting twists. Among his new Brunch menu items are Apple & Mascarpone Crepes; Chile Verde with Pork Belly and Sausage; Mortadella Eggs Benedict; and Pastrami Hash with Guajillo Chile and Dill-Pickled Green Tomatoes. Dishes can be paired with breakfast cocktails such as a Blood Orange Mimosa or a Signature Montage Bloody Mary.

“The Loft’s picturesque setting makes it the perfect weekend getaway for those wanting to enjoy a relaxing brunch, whether they are Orange County locals or guests of Montage,” explained Chef Campbell, whose menus at The Loft present inventive, yet familiar cuisine. “My Weekend Brunch menu offers something for everyone, from more traditional brunch dishes, to more eclectic offerings to excite the palate.”

The Loft will offering Weekend Brunch beginning Saturday, November 19th. Hours for Brunch will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. The Loft is located at Montage Laguna Beach (30801 South Coast Highway Laguna Beach, CA 92651). Dining reservations can be made by calling (949) 715-6420.

About Michael Campbell

As Chef de Cuisine for The Loft, Michael Campbell leads a winning team of chefs, sommeliers, servers and fromagers. He brings an excellent eye for the culinary arts and an unrelenting commitment to the integrity and seasonality of every ingredient. Chef Campbell is passionate about inspiring his team and bringing an enthusiasm to every aspect of the cuisine and day-to-day responsibilities of the restaurant. The Loft strives to actively involve guests in their dining experience – from highlighting artisanal ingredients on the creative American menu to pouring hard-to-find boutique wines and serving rare cheeses with the perfect accompaniments from an interactive cheese gallery.

Chef Campbell brings 20 years of experience in culinary arts. Prior to joining Montage, Campbell moved to Southern California to open Pueblo in Costa Mesa as the Executive Chef. At Pueblo, he designed a Spanish Tapas menu that focused on seasonal SoCal ingredients. Before his relocation, Campbell worked for the Mina Group in San Francisco as the Executive Sous Chef at RN74, where he developed weekly programs such as Sunday Suppers and weekly wine dinners. His culinary career took him to Europe, where he worked in Avignon, France at Numero 75 and Barcelona at Arrel Del Born, a fine dining Catalan fish house. Campbell began his career at Wildwood Restaurant in Portland, under the leadership of Chef Cory Schreiber, a true mentor in the Pacific Northwest culinary scene.

A great appreciator of the arts, Chef Campbell loves perusing museums and local exhibits. He also enjoys woodworking and gardening.

About The Loft

Inspired by the elegant yet tranquil environment of Laguna Beach, The Loft presents a unique dining destination to enjoy the scenic beauty and relaxed atmosphere of the beach while sampling inventive yet familiar cuisine. The menus have been carefully created by Chef de Cuisine Michael Campbell to utilize familiar ingredients and re-introduce them in a way that is imaginative but more importantly, memorable and consistent. Located on the fourth floor of the resort, The Loft overlooks the grand swimming pool of Montage, ornately decorated with a colorful sun motif, and in the distance, the sparkling horizon of the Pacific Ocean.

The menu of The Loft features the freshest artisan ingredients skillfully prepared utilizing modern techniques and innovative presentations. Chef Campbell has created a menu that features creative American cuisine with an inventive twist. He honors the bountiful produce and vegetables of the region while incorporating his own unique spin to present a menu showcasing recognizable ingredients. The inventive nature of the menu at The Loft carries over to the sweet side, with Executive Pastry Chef Lee Smith's signature and seasonal desserts including selections such as Madagascar Chocolate Molten Cake with Cinnamon Foam and White Coffee Ice Cream; and Crème Catalan with Coconut Three Ways and Lemongrass Ice Cream. The restaurant features a large selection of boutique and esoteric wines, as well as traditional Old World options.

The Loft is open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and is located at Montage Laguna Beach (30801 South Coast Highway Laguna Beach, CA 92651). Dining reservations can be made by calling (949) 715-6420.

About Montage Laguna Beach

Montage, set on a coastal bluff overlooking the Pacific in the heart of the vibrant arts community of Laguna Beach, offers 30 acres of oceanfront luxury. The 248-room craftsman-style resort features beachfront accommodations; a 20,000-square-foot spa; destination dining at Studio; a wealth of outdoor recreation, including three pools, beach and water sports; a fine art collection; and more than 20,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space. For information and reservations, please contact Montage, toll-free, at 1-888-715-6700; or visit the Web site at www.montagehotels.com/lagunabeach.

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