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**MONTAGE BEVERLY HILLS PARTNERS WITH ACCLAIMED CHEF
GEOFFREY ZAKARIAN AND ANNOUNCES GEORGIE AND THE GARDEN BAR**

Collaboration Introduces Zakarian's First Los Angeles Restaurant

February 17, 2016 (BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.) – [Montage Beverly Hills](#) has partnered with chef and restaurateur, Geoffrey Zakarian, who will bring two new concepts, Georgie and The Garden Bar, to the hotel and local community. Georgie, Zakarian's first Los Angeles restaurant, will be a lush and textured space with a relaxed and playful ambience. Located on the ground floor of the hotel, The Garden Bar will be a bustling, dynamic lounge adjacent to Georgie and will offer classic cocktails and all day fare in a comfortable yet refined setting. Both concepts will feature indoor and outdoor seating overlooking the spectacular Beverly Canon Gardens. Renovations will begin in early April with both Georgie and The Garden Bar slated for an early June opening. Chef Freddy Vargas has been appointed Executive Chef for Georgie and The Garden Bar to oversee culinary operations and will work daily with Zakarian to deliver a distinctive dining experience.

"I am thrilled and honored to be partnering with the Montage Beverly Hills family on Georgie and The Garden Bar. When I think of my restaurants, I treat them as an extension of my home. If I can bring that feeling to a town and neighborhood that I truly love, what could be better than that?" said Chef Zakarian. "I am humbled to have this opportunity to join the incredible chefs and food community in Los Angeles."

Georgie, with its warm and welcoming environment, will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner to offer vibrant, thoughtfully balanced dishes that showcase Zakarian's Modern American cuisine. The Garden Bar will serve as a glamorous neighborhood gathering place with a robust beverage and cocktail program, in addition to a lighter food menu offered morning to night.

"We are delighted to continue building upon the success of Montage Beverly Hills' talented culinary team with the addition of Georgie and The Garden Bar. Geoffrey Zakarian brings with him a contagious energy, an unwavering commitment to excellence, and a pioneering spirit that will further enhance the dining experience. Geoffrey also shares in the hotel's mission to provide warm, gracious and authentic service while creating lifelong memories for our guests," said Todd Orlich, general manager of Montage Beverly Hills.

After producing record breaking results in both 2014 and 2015, Scarpetta Los Angeles will continue to operate as usual through April 2, after which both the restaurant and Parq Bar will undergo renovations in preparation for the early June opening of Georgie and The Garden Bar.

For more information about Montage Beverly Hills, please click [here](#) or call (310) 860-7800.

For more information about Chef Geoffrey Zakarian, please click [here](#).

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About Montage Beverly Hills

Located in the vibrant epicenter of Los Angeles, Montage Beverly Hills is ideally situated for shopping and dining among Rodeo Drive's storied collection of shops, restaurants and galleries. The hotel features 201 well-appointed guestrooms, including 55 suites as well as 20 private Residences. Spa Montage Beverly Hills featuring L.RAPHAEL is an urban oasis with a private relaxation space, a mosaic-tiled mineral pool, 17 tranquil treatment rooms and the flagship full-service Kim Vō Salon. As the only Forbes Five Star spa in Beverly Hills, Spa Montage Beverly Hills featuring L.RAPHAEL is the exclusive West Coast destination for the renowned Swiss skincare brand's non-invasive, scientifically advanced, products and treatments for the face and body. Montage Beverly Hills has partnered with acclaimed chef Geoffrey Zakarian to introduce Georgie which will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner along with The Garden Bar, a sophisticated yet relaxed lounge with a robust cocktail program and all day fare, both scheduled to open in June 2016. Tucked discreetly in a corner of the hotel's second floor, £10 welcomes true connoisseurs to the lounge specializing in the world's most precious whisky, The Macallan Single Malt. With our commitment to sustainability, Montage Beverly Hills was the first hotel and residences to receive Gold LEED certification in Southern California. In 2015, Montage Beverly Hills was named the #1 Hotel in Los Angeles in the *Condé Nast Traveler* Annual Readers' Choice Awards. For information and reservations, please contact Montage Beverly Hills at (310) 860-7800 or visit www.montagehotels.com/beverlyhills.

About Montage Hotels & Resorts

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About Geoffrey Zakarian

Chef Geoffrey Zakarian is one of the nation's premier restaurateurs. With an eye for style and a passion for hospitality, he operates food and beverage venues across the United States, including The Lambs Club in New York City, The National in New York City and Greenwich, Connecticut, The Water Club at The Borgata in Atlantic City, The Palm Court, The Champagne Bar and The Rose Club at The Plaza Hotel, and in the summer of 2016, Georgie and The Garden Bar at Montage Beverly Hills. In addition to the restaurants, his company, Zakarian Hospitality, has produced the acclaimed cookbooks, *Geoffrey Zakarian's Town / Country* and *My Perfect Pantry: 150 Easy Recipes from 50 Essential Ingredients* and will launch a line of products with HSN in the summer of 2016. Zakarian won the 4th Season of Food Network's *The Next Iron Chef: Super Chefs*, earning him the esteemed title of Iron Chef. He is the co-host of the Emmy-nominated talk show, *The Kitchen, Top 5 Restaurants* and appears regularly as one of America's favorite judges on hit show *Chopped*. Zakarian will host Food Network's newest primetime series, *Cooks vs. Cons*, premiering on March 17, 2016. Outside of his work, he serves as Chairman of the City Harvest Food Council, an organization committed to fighting hunger. For more information about Geoffrey Zakarian, please visit www.geoffreyzakarian.com.

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