



Balboa Bay Resort Announces the Appointment of Octavio Sabado as Executive Chef



NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (March 3, 2020) – [Balboa Bay Resort](#), the premier waterfront resort in Newport Beach, California, is pleased to announce the appointment of Octavio Sabado as its new Executive Chef. With two decades of culinary experience, Chef Sabado will oversee the resort’s culinary portfolio including the property’s two waterfront restaurants, Waterline and A&O Kitchen+Bar, café, banquets and catering, and in-room dining.

“We are delighted to welcome Chef Sabado to Balboa Bay Resort. Chef Sabado has his finger on the pulse of Southern California’s food scene and is also a strong and encouraging leader for the rest of our culinary staff,” said Marina Dutton, General Manager of Balboa Bay Resort. “We are excited to having him enhance our culinary offerings.”

Chef Sabado will enhance and fine tune each culinary offering at A&O Kitchen+Bar and Waterline. Chef Sabado is inspired by light, fresh food, defined by seasonal flavors. For A&O Kitchen+Bar, he plans to pair food with the standout cocktails on the menu and at Waterline he will highlight sustainable ingredients in healthy fresh dishes.

“I’m thrilled to join Balboa Bay Resort as Executive Chef. I have always admired the waterfront resort and look forward to working closely with the culinary staff and the larger resort team,” stated Chef Sabado.

Prior to joining Balboa Bay Resort, Chef Sabado served as Executive Chef at Westdrift Manhattan Beach, where he conceived JUTE Coastal Bar and Kitchen, the hotel’s signature indoor-outdoor restaurant. He began his hospitality career at the St. Regis Monarch Beach in 2001. From 2004 – 2007, he worked with T-Bird Restaurant Group where he learned front of the house duties, and in 2007 he left to join the Viceroy Hotel Group. During his four years with the hospitality group, Chef Sabado rose to Executive Chef and he helped open restaurants at the

group's Miami, Anguilla and Abu Dhabi properties. Chef Sabado continued to finetune his cooking and business administration skills as Executive Chef at SLS Hotel in Beverly Hills where he oversaw The Bazaar by José Andrés and Altitude.

Born and raised in Mexico, Chef Sabado came to the United States when he was 11 years old. Chef Sabado worked in restaurants as a teenager and dreamed of becoming a pilot. After the U.S. Navy, he studied aeronautical engineering at Arizona's Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, but soon found his true passion behind stoves instead of behind textbooks. Soon after, he enrolled at California School of Culinary Arts in Pasadena where he earned an Associate's Degree in hospitality administration/management.

Chef Sabado lives in Whittier, California with his wife and two children. A lover of vintage cars, he owns a 1968 El Camino and a 1956 VW Beetle among others. On the weekends, he can be found camping with his family, visiting his favorite LA restaurants, and walking his dogs, an Australian Shepherd and Old English Sheepdog.

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About Balboa Bay Resort:

Balboa Bay Resort is Newport Beach's premier waterfront resort offering stunning bay views and sunsets over Balboa Bay's harbor. The Forbes Four-Star, AAA Four-Diamond property features 159 luxurious guestrooms and suites offering casually elegant accommodations, alongside a celebrated food and beverage program, including: two waterfront restaurants, Waterline, a seasonal water-to-table venue; A&O Kitchen+Bar, a waterfront restaurant and with an inventive bar program; Blend™, an Italian inspired coffee shop, and 24-hour room service. Wellness amenities include a fitness studio; a year-round heated outdoor swimming pool and whirlpool; pool bar; pool cabanas; water sport rentals from the private dock; a full-service 10,000 square foot spa, and a Drybar salon. Wedding and group offerings include a ceremony lawn, a 150-person yacht, The Ambassador, and over 29,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space. For more information visit balboabayresort.com.