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THE RITZ-CARLTON ORLANDO, GRANDE LAKES APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF

Orlando, Fla. – DECEMBER TK, 2018 – Franck Steigerwald has been appointed Executive Chef at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes. Steigerwald joins the resort with over 20 years of experience in the restaurant and hospitality industry. In his position, he will oversee culinary operations at the hotel, including Highball & Harvest, the hotel’s award-winning southern-inspired casual dining restaurant.

Throughout his career, Steigerwald has held the executive chef position in many luxury properties, including the St. Regis New York, Taj Hotels in Boston and The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company. He was most recently Executive Chef of St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort, where he successfully opened two new restaurant concepts. Steigerwald trained in his native country of France, where he worked in Michelin starred restaurants L’Hotel Chateau Grand Barrail, Hotel Les Pyrennees and Le Chapon Fin.

In addition to the above restaurants and hotel brand experience, Steigerwald is no stranger to The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company. He started his hospitality career at The Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner as a Maestro Executive Sous Chef, and also held the position of Fine Dining Chef at The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples, prior to becoming the Executive Chef at The Ritz-Carlton Buckhead.

“We are thrilled to have Chef Steigerwald at the helm of our culinary operations. I know he will bring great passion, energy and creativity to The Ritz-Carlton Orlando and continue to elevate our guest experience,” said Jon McGavin, General Manager.

Steigerwald holds a Diploma of the Culinary Arts from Simon Brandy Culinary School, and has completed multiple international courses and achievements in the pastry and sugar work fields throughout France.

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About Grande Lakes Orlando

The 500-acre Grande Lakes Orlando estate features a 582-room Ritz-Carlton and 1,000-room JW Marriott hotel situated at the headwaters of the Florida Everglades. Guests at both hotels can enjoy all the facilities and services at Grande Lakes Orlando, including an 18-hole Greg

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Norman-designed championship golf course and the 40,000-square-foot Ritz-Carlton Spa as well as three pools including the winding lazy river at JW Marriott. Dining options feature the culinary mastery of award-winning chefs Norman Van Aken with Norman's at The Ritz-Carlton and Melissa Kelly with PRIMO at JW Marriott, a leader in the city's farm-to-fork movement. The resort's renowned culinary program is further showcased at The Kitchen at JW Marriott Orlando and Highball & Harvest at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, as well as The Brewery, an on-property nano-brewery and Chef's Table. Furthering this farm-to-fork commitment are the on-site apiaries and 18,000-square-foot Whisper Creek Farm.

On-property activities include Grande Lakes Sports activities like biking, kayaking, eco-tours on Shingle Creek, fishing, and more. Conference and meeting attendees have their pick of a selection of meeting space options located across 150,000 square feet that connects the two properties plus more than 100,000 square feet of outdoor space.

Grande Lakes is located 15 minutes from the Orlando International Airport, five minutes from the Orange County Convention Center and minutes from the major theme parks. For more information about Grande Lakes Orlando, visit www.grandelakes.com. Follow Grande Lakes Orlando on Twitter at [@RC_Orlando](https://twitter.com/RC_Orlando) and [@JW_Orlando](https://twitter.com/JW_Orlando).

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