



MANDARIN ORIENTAL, WASHINGTON D.C. APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF DIDIER POUZIER

New Chef to Oversee Culinary Operations for Sou'Wester, Empress Lounge, Banquets and Catering

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 22, 2013 – [Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C.](#) is pleased to announce the appointment of Didier Pouzier as Executive Chef. In his new role, Chef Pouzier will be responsible for the culinary direction and leadership of Sou'Wester Restaurant, Empress Lounge, In-room dining, and catering and banquet functions. Chef Pouzier recently held the same position at Mandarin Oriental, Miami where he oversaw the hotel's four dining outlets, as well as all catering and banquet functions.

"We are delighted to welcome Chef Pouzier to his new position," said General Manager Adriaan Radder. "He brings a wealth of expertise within the brand and the culinary scene, and we are fortunate that he chose to bring his talents to the nation's capital. We look to Chef Pouzier to lead the hotel to great culinary heights – alongside Chef Eric Ziebold of CityZen – in 2013 and beyond."

Chef Pouzier's career in the restaurant industry spans more than two decades and includes experience at several European restaurants in France, Italy and Greece, where he worked alongside top chefs including celebrity French Chef Paul Bocuse. Chef Pouzier got his start in South Florida at the Grand Bay Hotel in 1995 as banquet chef. He joined Mandarin Oriental, Miami as banquet chef in September 2000 as part of the pre-opening culinary team, and was promoted to executive sous chef in 2001, before assuming the role as executive chef in 2010.

Born in the city of Lyon, France, Chef Pouzier developed a passion for cooking at the early age of eight years old when he volunteered at a French patisserie making croissants. His love for pastry making and cooking continued, and in 1983, he attended *Lycee Rabelais a Dardilly*, ranked among the top culinary schools in France.



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The hotel's unique location on the southwest waterfront makes Mandarin Oriental, Washington D.C. the only hotel offering views of the Jefferson Memorial and Washington Monument, Tidal Basin and Washington Marina. In addition to exceptional accommodations and gracious service, the hotel features the [Forbes Four-Star Spa at Mandarin Oriental](#), the Southern-style restaurant [Sou'Wester](#), and the AAA Five Diamond [CityZen](#). For reservations, please contact the hotel directly at +1 (202) 787-6140, toll free (888) 888-1778, or visit www.mandarinoriental.com/washington.

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