



CasaMagna Marriott Puerto Vallarta Resort's Executive Chef Receives Culinary Excellence Award

Chef Fred Ruiz Takes the Prize for the Second Time

PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico (August X, 2007) – CasaMagna Marriott Puerto Vallarta Resort and Spa is pleased to announce Chef Fred Ruiz's accomplishment of receiving the 2007 Culinary Excellence Award for his extraordinary culinary skills in 2006. Chef Ruiz is receiving this award for a second time; he was recognized for his work in 2004 with the 2005 Award of Culinary Excellence. The Award of Culinary Excellence is delivered to recognize and applaud excellent chefs and culinary greats within Marriott and Renaissance Hotels worldwide.

At CasaMagna Marriott Puerto Vallarta, Chef Ruiz has been committed to offering the best quality in food and service and this has set him apart from other Marriott and Renaissance hotel chefs. Ruiz is constantly looking for innovative ways to improve guest satisfaction at each of the restaurants in the hotel and has participated in many charity events in Puerto Vallarta.

Chef Ruiz earned this award for many reasons. The presentation of Chef Ruiz's dishes is impeccable and he prepares each dish with such delicacy and poise that resort guests report eagerly anticipating their next meal at his restaurants. Two of his signature dishes, the Lobster Taco and Tamarindo Sea Bass are favorites among guests and leave a lasting impression.

Chef Ruiz has had many accomplishments in his professional career. One of the most intriguing accomplishments is that he cooked directly for Presidents Nixon, Ford and Reagan. He also cooked at private functions for the late Frank Sinatra and other famous stars in the Palm Springs area.

Chef Ruiz is a member of the Culinary Leadership Council which serves to provide regional leadership on issues including culinary initiatives, strategy and direction. As a member, Chef Ruiz participates in quarterly webcasts and conference calls, provides solutions to common challenges, aids with culinary direction and strategy and assists in regional communication.

Reservations at Chef Ruiz's four restaurants: La Estancia, Mikado, Champions Sport Bar and Las Casitas are available by calling the resort at 1-888-PARADISE. For more information on CasaMagna Marriott Puerto Vallarta Resort and Spa, log on to www.puertovallartamarriott.com

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The CasaMagna Marriott Puerto Vallarta Resort features 433 guest rooms, including 29 suites, each with a private balcony. Nestled between the majestic Sierra Madre Mountains and Mexico's picturesque Bay of Banderas, the resort offers a variety of facilities for adults and children, including: two lighted tennis courts; infinity oceanfront pool; various water sports and beach activities; multiple restaurants; health club with whirlpool; and a Marriott Kids program. Guests can enjoy nightly cigar rolling demonstrations in the resort's lobby bar, stroll through the old town of Puerto Vallarta and enjoy the sights of colonial Mexico, view folkloric shows and historic Mexican landmarks, or experience jungle adventures.