

**SANDPEARL RESORT'S EXECUTIVE CHEF, STEPHEN JORDAN,
BLENDS LOCAL SPECIALTIES WITH A VARIETY OF CUISINE**

*Vacationers and residents can experience world-class dining
in Caretta on the Gulf at the Clearwater Beach resort*

CLEARWATER BEACH, FL – A new flavor has arrived in the Tampa Bay area in the form of the Sandpearl Resort's executive chef, Stephen Jordan. Before this Clearwater Beach resort opened in August 2007, Jordan worked to create a series of menus that fuse local specialties with various cuisines encountered throughout his career. In particular, Chef Jordan has put his artistic talents to play in creating the ambiance concept and development of the menu of the resort's AAA Four Diamond rated restaurant, *Caretta on the Gulf*. In addition, the chef fine-tuned culinary-themed guest enrichment programs such as wine tasting, kitchen tours, and personal chef service in suites and condominium units.

Jordan joined the Sandpearl team with an impressive hospitality background, most recently serving as executive chef at the prestigious Inn at Palmetto Bluff in Bluffton, South Carolina. Not only was Jordan involved in the 2004 opening of that property; he was also instrumental in creating sought-after culinary programs and enticing menus that impressed the likes of celebrity chef Tyler Florence, whose wedding banquet he prepared. He has also served as executive chef at the Rivers Club in Pittsburgh, Pa., and at the Emerald Pointe Resort in Lake Lanier Islands, Ga. Jordan earned his Associates of Science in Culinary Arts from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island.

Jordan is dedicated to developing new culinary experiences not only for guests of the resort, but also for its condominium owners and area residents. "I work with local farmers and fisherman, observe what they can get and what's selling, to develop dishes incorporating the freshest seasonal ingredients with my own twist," Jordan shared.

Sandpearl offers guest three restaurant choices: the signature *Caretta on the Gulf*, which features a Ceviche & Raw Bar, wood burning oven, private wine room, *Caretta Lounge*, outdoor seating, and breathtaking views of the Gulf of Mexico from every seat; the beachfront *Tate Island Grille*, featuring casual fare and entertainment; and the *Marketplace*, featuring quick bites.

In addition, the resort's 25,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting and event space play host to numerous banquets, meetings, weddings and other special events. Jordan's team offers banquet clients starter menus, but he is also open to developing menus from scratch. "I believe that event menus, like restaurant menus, can follow the seasons and offer a fine dining experience," Jordan stated. "My menus are fluid, allowing guests to customize any event that they want."

Those staying in one of Sandpearl's 50 one- and two-bedroom suites, or its 117 condominiums in the neighboring Sandpearl Residences, have the option to hire a personal chef to prepare a meal in their unit's full kitchen. This unique service allows guests to choose from an interactive or demonstrative meal preparation, or simply enjoy the luxurious services of a personal chef.

Other offerings include nutritious spa menus, specialty children's menus, holiday meal packages, cooking classes for kids, wine pairing dinner menus, signature cocktails, breakfasts with chef attended stations, and specialty amenities for room service and welcome baskets.

The Sandpearl Resort, managed by Coral Hospitality, is the first new beachfront resort in Clearwater Beach in over 25 years. Situated along a 700-foot expanse of pristine Gulf Coast beach, Sandpearl features 253 luxurious guest rooms and suites, a lagoon-style beachfront pool with private cabanas, full-service spa with signature pearl treatments, unique lifestyle enrichment programs, fine and casual dining, plus meeting and event space. It is a designated member of the Florida Green Lodging Program. For more information, visit www.sandpearl.com or call (877) 726-3111.

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