

THE  
NEW YORK PALACE

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**THE NEW YORK PALACE NAMES JACQUES SORCI AS  
EXECUTVE CHEF**

*Jacques Sorci to bring a new twist of traditional flavor and style to  
The New York Palace's food and beverage program*

New York, NY (July 25, 2013) - [The New York Palace](#), a luxury midtown hotel, has named **Maitre Cuisinier de France, Jacques Sorci as its new Executive Chef**. As part of the hotel's exciting \$140 million renovation, Sorci will oversee food and beverage operations, leading the team in continued culinary success. With an extensive culinary portfolio and over 30 years of experience in the industry, Sorci will provide the hotel's global guests with the finest dining options and delicacies.

"We are thrilled to have Chef Sorci join The Palace team," said David Chase, General Manager. "Jacques' vast experience within the culinary field will allow him to incorporate dynamic and exciting dishes with an eclectic touch to the hotel's diverse new dining venues."

Since childhood, Sorci knew he would follow a career path with an emphasis in food and culinary arts. In his early years, Sorci spent many hours in the kitchen learning about traditional Italian flavors and dishes including homemade pasta, raviolis and canolis. As Sorci developed as a chef, he continuously incorporated an Italian flare into many of his dishes. Additionally, he is a big advocate for simple and seasonal food that can be appreciated by all types of palettes.

In his previous position, Sorci served as the Executive Chef at the highly acclaimed, The Carlyle New York, A Rosewood Hotel, where he was responsible for all culinary operations onsite. Prior to that, Sorci worked with The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company for close to twenty years at a variety of properties, most recently at The Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park where he was the Executive Chef and Director of Food and Beverage. Additional Ritz-Carlton properties include The Ritz-Carlton, Marina Del Rey (Executive Chef), The Ritz-Carlton, Tyson's Corner (Executive Chef), The Ritz-Carlton, Huntington (Executive Sous Chef), The Ritz-Carlton, Aspen (Restaurant Chef), and The Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta (received training for Aspen). Sorci has extensive international experience as well, such as his tenure as Chef de Partie with the Noga Hilton International hotel in Geneva, as Demi Chef de Partie at Michelin Star-rated restaurant La Perle du Lac in Geneva, and as Pastry Chef at the Michelin Star-rated Restaurant Salomon in Montmelian, France.

Jacques Sorci received his culinary education at The Hotel School of Thonon les Bains where he completed training at the Five-Star Le Grand Hotel in Cabourg, France, and the Five-Star Brussels Hilton in Belgium. Sorci's professional career began in France and Switzerland, where he worked with Michelin-rated La Perle du Lac in Geneva, and with Maitre Cuisinier de France, Jean Salomon in Montmelian.

**In 2003, Chef Sorci was inducted into the Maitre Cuisinier de France – a designation bestowed only upon 19 chefs in New York and 65 chefs nationwide.** The elite members of Maitre Cuisinier de France are selected through a strict review process that takes into account the chef's restaurant experiences, technical expertise, business qualifications and cultural standing in the culinary community.

In addition to English, Sorci is also fluent in Spanish and French.

### **About The New York Palace**

The New York Palace, a luxury midtown hotel on the corner of 50<sup>th</sup> & Madison, will have completed a \$140 million redesign by the fall of 2013. The renovation has already transformed the property's premier rooms and suites in The Towers, a hotel-within-a-hotel. Additional upgrades include new lobbies, specialty suites and six new restaurants and bars – two of which will be helmed by renowned Chef Michel Richard. With 909 rooms and suites, The Palace is known for unparalleled splendor, spectacular views, spacious rooms and exquisite service. Located across the street from St. Patrick's Cathedral and only steps from Rockefeller Center -- the hotel's world-renowned courtyard incorporates motifs from several 15<sup>th</sup>-century Italian cathedrals and has served as the entranceway to the historic Villard Mansion since 1882. The New York Palace gracefully blends the landmark Villard Mansion with a contemporary 55-story tower. Guests can reserve accommodations online at [www.newyorkpalace.com](http://www.newyorkpalace.com) or contact reservations at 1-800-NY-PALACE (1-800-697-2522).

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