

## ***The World, Residences at Sea, Welcomes Chef Curtis Duffy of Three Michelin-Starred Grace Restaurant, Chicago***

LONDON, England, May 2015: Renowned for its fine-dining and inventive cuisine, *The World*, the largest privately owned residential yacht on earth, has announced that acclaimed **Chef Curtis Duffy** of **Chicago's three Michelin-starred restaurant Grace**, has joined the Ship's Guest Chef Program. Chef Duffy and Grace General Manager Michael Muser, also a sommelier, will be on board from July 19 – 24, 2015 during *The World's* voyage from Porto, Portugal to Bilbao, Spain. Chef Duffy will bring his innovative culinary style and expertise to *The World*, preparing an exquisite dinner for the Ship's Residents and hosting a master class cooking demonstration.

Known for his 'modern masterpieces,' Chef Duffy, along with assistance from several sous chefs who will be travelling with him and Muser to the Ship, will begin preparation in Chicago at Grace and will finish cooking the multi-course dinner in the Ship's galley. The elegant and refined dishes will be served by *The World's* white-gloved staff in the Ship's fine-dining, haute cuisine restaurant, Portraits. A benefit of home ownership on *The World*, Residents from 19 different countries including the U.S., Australia, South Africa, the United Kingdom and more, will have the unique opportunity to savor masterfully prepared food by Chicago's top chef – while sailing the Atlantic Ocean's Bay of Biscay en route to Northern Spain.

Chef Duffy quotes *"I'm very excited to be partnering with The World, and I'm honored to be part of such an extraordinary and unique project. I am looking forward to working with the expert team on board to create a special experience for the Residents"*.

Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Curtis Duffy began working on his own restaurant, Grace, in 2012. It has become the pinnacle of his career in fine dining. Chef Duffy's culinary style puts ingredients at the forefront. He creates elegant and graceful dishes using unique techniques to enhance the flavor of his ingredients. Since opening Grace in December 2012, Chef Duffy and the restaurant have been awarded many accolades including a prestigious three stars from the Michelin Guide, *Chicago Tribune's* Chef of the Year 2014, a James Beard Award for Best Restaurant Design (75 seats and under), AAA's Five Diamond Rating, *Forbes* Travel Guide's Five-Star Rating, *Robb Report's* Best Restaurant in the World 2013, *Chicago Magazine's* Best New Restaurant, and Eater National's Chef of the Year. To learn more about Chef Duffy and Grace, [click here](#).

*The World's* Executive Chef Geoffrey Murray, himself an award-winning chef, commented on the collaboration. *"We are delighted to welcome a chef of such distinction on board," he said. "We are honored to have someone of Chef Duffy's caliber cook in our galley for our Residents. Our entire food and beverage team looks forward to assisting him and his staff and learning from each other."*

*The World* circumnavigates the globe every two years, calling at an array of destinations famed for their gastronomic flair. The Ship is no stranger to the culinary elite. In recent years the Ship has seen 11 Guest Chefs with an impressive 10 Michelin stars between them, 24 wineries, as well as master distillers and famous mixologists. On *The World*, extraordinary experiences like Chef Duffy's visit are the norm. Like dining at acclaimed Spanish Chef Ferran Adria's three Michelin star elBulli before it closed its doors, enjoying the running of the bulls in

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a private Pamplona apartment, or savoring champagne and caviar atop an Antarctic glacier having arrived by private helicopter.

## **About *The World***

Launched in 2002, *The World*® is the largest privately owned, residential yacht on earth with 165 luxury Residences. A diverse group of Residents from 19 countries own the homes on board and share interests in world cultures, history and adventure, and exploring fascinating destinations. They circumnavigate the globe every two to three years following an extraordinary itinerary that they select. In-depth expeditions and one-of-a-kind experiences are complemented by world-class amenities and impeccable service.

*The World* embodies a distinctive, one-of-a-kind lifestyle of exclusive luxury travel where Residents explore every corner of the globe, experience myriad different cultures and gain privileged access to the planet's most beautiful destinations, all from the comfort of their own home. The strikingly beautiful 644-foot Ship promises gracious and personal service in a warm, inviting ambience much like that of a private yacht, well-staffed private home or exclusive country club. The average occupancy at any one time of 150-200 Residents & Guests assures an intimate atmosphere.

*The World* offers the ultimate combination of thrilling and enriching travel with world-class amenities and facilities including impeccable culinary mastery in its six restaurants, exceptional golf facilities with onboard putting greens and a state-of-the-art golf simulator, the only full-size tennis court at sea, swimming pools, a spa, a fitness center, expert destination lecturers, library, cinema and more.

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