

THE WORLD, RESIDENCES AT SEA ANNOUNCES 2019 GUEST CHEFS AND WINEMAKERS

London, England – April 2019: *The World*, the largest privately-owned residential yacht on earth (aboardtheworld.com), will welcome a series of prominent guest chefs and winemakers during its 2019 voyage. Each year *The World* invites top chefs and notable sommeliers and winemakers on board to create one-of-a-kind, intimate culinary and wine experiences for the Ship's Residents who own the homes on board.

Renowned for its delicious and inventive cuisine and award-winning wine program, *The World's* Food & Beverage Team, led by Executive Chef Geoffrey Murray, Food & Beverage Manager Saikumar Baddi and Beverage Manager Marinela Ivanova will work with the chefs and winemakers to offer Residents unique and memorable epicurean experiences. The Ship's six dining venues offer a range of culinary choices including haute cuisine, a contemporary steakhouse and seafood bar, eclectic Asian/sushi, Mediterranean/Italian, casual café and a poolside grill. *The World* circumnavigates the globe every two to three years calling at more than 100 destinations annually, many of which are famed for their gastronomic flair.

2019 Guest Chefs

Chef Harpal Singh Sokhi joined *The World* during its 10-day call to India earlier this year. Residents savored an array of Bollywood-esque gourmet dishes from all regions of the country as part of a once-in-a-lifetime Indian culinary journey. Passionate and energetic, Chef Sokhi is a TV anchor, restaurant owner, consultant, author, social influencer and TEDX speaker. He created a niche for himself by learning authentic Hyderabadi cuisine under the great culinary master Ustad Habib Pasha. Chef Sokhi went on to learn how cooking techniques improved nutritional values and discovered the rejuvenating power of spices on the body, mind and soul. Working with restaurants including Vintage in Luxembourg as well as five-star hotels such as The Oberoi and The Regent, Chef Sokhi took his quest one step further and forged the link between Ayurveda and nutritional wellness.



Chef Soenil Bahadoer will sail with *The World* from Cagliari to Barcelona in April 2019, producing a mouth-watering menu served in Portraits, the Ship's fine-dining, haute cuisine restaurant. The two Michelin-star head chef of Restaurant De Lindhof in Nuenen, Netherlands will showcase his cooking talents and provide interesting, modern cooking techniques in a close-up cooking demonstration the following day. Chef Bahadoer was born in Surinam, having grown up in a traditional Hindu family where preparing the family meal was one of the most important daily activities. It was during this time that he became passionate about cooking. Achieving his first Michelin star in 2014, his meticulous attention to detail and perfectionist nature helps him create dishes with perfect balance of taste, texture and presentation, using the freshest ingredients. Restaurant De Lindhof continues to be in the top 10 restaurants in the Netherlands.



Chef Jonas Andre Navik will join the Ship during its September exploration of Japan. *The World's* Food & Beverage Team dined at the Norwegian chef's Michelin-starred restaurant, Restaurant Fagn, when the Ship docked in Trondheim, Norway in 2018 and were inspired to invite the chef on board. Chef Navik believes in a simple food philosophy which is evident at the much-lauded Fagn, which opened in August 2017. Involved in the hospitality industry since he was 13, Chef Navik combines the roots of Scandinavian cooking with his own style which evolved after working in many of the region's top restaurants.



This year's guest chefs join an illustrious group of renowned and innovative chefs who have been invited to cook for *The World's* Residents including three Michelin-starred **Chef Curtis Duffy**, James Beard Foundation award-winning **Chef Michelle Bernstein**, Peruvian **Chefs James Berckemeyer and Miguel Schiaffino**, Indian **Chef Vicky Ratnani**, James Beard Foundation Award nominee **Chef Michel Stroot**, two Michelin-starred **Chef Silvio Nickol** and famed **Sushi Chef Takatoshi Tashito**.

On the 2019 guest chef series, *The World's* Executive Chef Geoffrey Murray commented, "We pride ourselves on our unique ability to bring destinations 'alive' gastronomically, made possible through *The World's* continuous sailing to the most unique and wonderful locations on the planet. Our Residents have discerning taste buds coupled with an incredible knowledge of food which is why we are delighted to be welcoming chefs of such a distinct caliber on board."

2019 Guest Winemakers

Dick and Ann Grace, owners of Grace Family Vineyards, joined the Ship during its call to Israel to host a wine tasting for Residents. Grace Family wines were also elegantly paired in a bespoke, fine-dining experience in Portraits. The Grace Family estate, located in California's Napa Valley, was created in 1976 when a Marine Corps officer and successful stockbroker, Dick Grace, decided to purchase together with his wife, Ann, a farming community. It included an 1881 Victorian and 3.5 acres of land to become one of the first in Napa to implement high-density vine planting and organic farm management. Producing mainly Cabernet Sauvignon wine, Grace Family incorporates various organic and biodynamic farming practices to balance the vines and produce wine with certain signature characteristics such as elegance, balance, high flavor, low alcohol and long life.



Tsushima Kitahara will join *The World* in Japan in Autumn 2019. He is a 13th generation sake producer of the famous Shichiken Brewery. Mr Kitahara will host a tasting of Shichiken sakes and educate Residents on the history and intricacies of sake production. Founded in 1750, Shichiken is the only sake brewery in Hakushu-cho, Hokuto City, Yamanashi prefecture and the only sake that is produced with water from Mount Kaikoma, which has been certified by UNESCO as a mountain with world class water. Today Ryogo Kitahara (master brewer) and his brother Tsushima (commercial director) produce award-winning super premium Japanese sake. In addition to being recognized for his premium sake, Ryogo was also presented with the Diners Club Young Brewers' Encouragement Award for 2017.



Adding to its beverage program, *The World* has also welcomed more than two dozen wineries, master distillers and notable mixologists.

Commenting on its wine program, *The World's* Beverage Manager Marinela Ivanova said, "By continuously circumnavigating the globe, the Ship is fortunate to be able to form strong relationships with the most exclusive wineries all over the world. Our Residents have an exceptional knowledge of wine and enjoy the fact that we are able to bring each destination alive through wine. We enjoy exploring the local wine scene by visiting traditionally renowned and up and coming quality-oriented producers, this is what makes *The World* so unique."

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 20 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.

This private community at sea offers the ultimate combination of luxurious and enriching travel with world-class amenities and facilities. These include impeccable culinary mastery in six restaurants, exceptional golf facilities with onboard putting greens, a state-of-the-art golf simulator and resident pro, the only full-size, regulation tennis court at sea, swimming pools, a spa, a fitness center complete with personal trainers, expert destination lecturers, library, cinema, hobby and games rooms, and more.

This strikingly beautiful ship provides gracious and personalized service for the families that call *The World* home; all customised to Residents' preferences in a warm and inviting ambience much like that of a private yacht, well-staffed home or exclusive country club. The average occupancy at one time is 150-200 Residents and Guests, ensuring an intimate atmosphere.

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