

THE WESTIN CHICAGO

RIVER NORTH

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The Westin Chicago River North Appoints Stephen Milstein Executive Chef

Milstein to Oversee Dining Experience at Ember Grille, Hana Lounge & All Culinary Operations at Premier Hotel

CHICAGO – February 6, 2008 – The Westin Chicago River North is pleased to announce Stephen Milstein as executive chef of the 424-room hotel. An accomplished chef with 22 years experience, much of which has been at AAA five-star hotels, Milstein will lead the culinary team in creating innovative menus for its two dining venues and oversee all food and beverage operations at the premier Chicago property. At the hotel's signature restaurant, Ember Grille, and Hana Lounge, which serves up award-winning sushi, the new executive chef will have a hand in all culinary execution and menus. Milstein's culinary expertise will be showcased throughout the hotel's food and beverage for private events, banquets, group functions and in-room dining.

"We are excited to have Chef Milstein join and lead our talented culinary team," said Peter Simoncelli, general manager. "Chef Milstein's five-star hotel experience coupled with his passion for stylish food presentation and innovative culinary trends will continue to position the hotel as a top dining destination for guests and the local community alike."

Prior to joining The Westin Chicago River North team, Milstein served as executive chef at The Westin St. Louis, MO. While in command of the kitchen, the hotel was rated number one in food quality and experience among all downtown Westin properties and garnered top honors in guest surveys regarding banquet events and the Clark Street Bar & Grill restaurant. Previous positions held by Milstein include sous chef at Four Seasons Hotel Houston and garde manger chef for Hyatt Regency Dallas, The Ritz-Carlton Rancho Mirage, and the Four Seasons Dallas at Las Colinas. Noted for his superior culinary style, Milstein has acquired many accolades throughout his tenure including four silver medals at the Texas Restaurant Associations' food show and recognition from Zagat for Best Business Lunch and Best Sunday Brunch.

While Milstein is known for heating things up in the kitchen, he also has a passion for ice carving and his creative masterpieces have been showcased at the Texas State Fair. Milstein attended the University of Houston where he studied hotel management.

For further information or reservations please call (312) 744-1900 or visit www.westinchicago.com.

Overlooking the Chicago River at 320 North Dearborn Street, The Westin Chicago River North is centrally located in the heart of Chicago's business and theatre districts and steps from Millennium Park, fabulous Michigan Avenue shopping and great restaurants. The hotel's 424 rooms and suites offer beautiful skyline views and feature Westin's legendary Heavenly Bed® and invigorating Heavenly Bath®. The recently refreshed Westin Executive Club® Level showcases refurbished guestrooms with iMAC computers, iPod docking stations, 32-inch flat-screen televisions, complimentary high-speed Internet access and ample desk space. The new Westin Executive Club® Lounge offers complimentary Wi-Fi, 42-inch flat-screen televisions and more. For distinctive dining, there is Ember Grille, Hana Lounge and Kamehachi Sushi Bar. Other services and amenities include WestinWorkout® Powered by Reebok, massage therapy, concierge services and a state-of-the-art business center.

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