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The New Hilton San Diego Bayfront Launches Innovative Food and Beverage Program

Global cuisine, expansive wine and cocktail lists and coastal flair converge at San Diego's newest Hilton Hotel

San Diego, CA — Hilton San Diego Bayfront, a new 30-story, 1,190 room hotel on San Diego's famed downtown bay, introduces a revolutionary food and beverage concept with the opening of three distinctive dining experiences that draw on coastal flavors and cultures from around the world. Global farm-to-fork cuisine, an innovative wine list, sophisticated handcrafted cocktails and special features including absinthe tasting and tea trading come together to prove that the food and beverage outlets at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront are a destination in and of themselves.

Hilton San Diego Bayfront's featured dining venues include, **Vela**, the upscale signature restaurant of the hotel, **Odysea**, a Dim Sum and waterfront lounge and **Bay Breeze**, a poolside eatery offering San Diego culture-inspired casual fare. Each venue has a distinct atmosphere and concept while bridging global coastal cuisine, innovative beverage lists, and an exploration of the senses. Executive Chef Patrick Dahms has created unique epicurean experiences for guests of the hotel and local diners alike with these three dining destinations as well as a comprehensive room service menu and world-class catering services for banquets large and small.

"The creative ideas behind the Hilton San Diego Bayfront's food and beverage program are about bringing the flavors of the world to San Diego through exquisite food and one-of-a-kind wine and cocktail lists," says Brian Marcus, Director of Food and Beverage. "Guests of the hotel and locals alike will explore the flavors of the world through cuisine, wine, cocktails, absinthe, teas and more. We are thrilled to be bringing a truly unique and passion inspired product to San Diego."

Latin for 'sail,' Vela is the signature restaurant at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront and the centerpiece for the hotel's creative culinary vision. With an emphasis on global coastal cuisine and wines that span across all oceans and seas, Vela is a revolutionary concept emphasizing modern interpretations of fresh and simple culinary classics. Coupled with breathtaking views of the San Diego bay, Vela takes a chic and sophisticated approach to dining ambiance. Signature dishes include beautifully braised *Korubata Pork Shank* with poached apples and Chef Dahm's braised cabbage and fresh from the sea *Market Oysters* served with Bloody Mary sorbet and tart lemon granite. Vela's wine list boasts wines from regions as close as Temecula and as far as Lithuania to form a wine list as distinct and global as the restaurant itself.

Odysea, tagged “A Liquid Adventure,” serves as the lounge for the new Hilton and features a menu of ultra-modern twists including its own version of American Dim Sum and hand-crafted organic cocktails and beverages. Odysea’s perch beside the water – including outdoor terrace – is a main gathering place for hotel visitors and San Diego locals looking for an idyllic seaside retreat. Key features include table-side Dim Sum cart service, a comprehensive absinthe program and distinctive flights of both popular and one-of-a-kind wines and cocktails, created by Odysea’s team of mixologists.

These signature dining and lounge establishments, in tandem with the outdoor Bay Breeze pool bar and extensive catering and room service menus, make up a food and beverage program that sets a new standard in quality, creativity and design for hotel dining. For more information or photos of Vela, Odysea, Baybreeze or the Hilton San Diego Bayfront, please visit www.sandiegobayfront.hilton.com or call Jennifer Roche at (619)255-7069

ABOUT HILTON SAN DIEGO BAYFRONT

Hilton San Diego Bayfront, a 30-story, 1,190 room hotel, is located on the edge of the bay in downtown San Diego and situated on 12.79 acres of Bayfront land. The hotel boasts 165,000 square feet of meeting and event space, three restaurants, a 7,300 square foot health club and spa, 3,000 square feet of retail space, a 2,400 square foot business center along with San Diego’s first heated saltwater hotel swimming pool and nearly \$2 million of commissioned public art. The Hilton San Diego Bayfront is just steps away from the San Diego Convention Center and PETCO Park, located at One Park Boulevard, San Diego, 92101.

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