



CHEF JOHN MURCKO NAMED SEMIFINALIST FOR JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION AWARD

The Farm & Talisker on Main earn Salt Lake Magazine dining awards

(PARK CITY, UTAH – For Immediate Release) – Talisker Corporation Executive Chef John Murcko, who oversees more than two dozen dining venues in one of America’s premier four-season destinations, today was named a semifinalist for the prestigious James Beard Foundation Awards, honoring excellence among culinary professionals.

On the same day that Murcko celebrated his 43rd birthday, two of his signature restaurants, Talisker on Main and The Farm at Canyons also received top honors in the Salt Lake Magazine 2012 Dining Awards.

For the second consecutive year, **Talisker on Main was named “Best Restaurant in Park City.”** The magazine singled out Murcko for “reinventing” Park City as a dining destination, after he helped invent it over the past 20 years. Chef Briar Handly is also credited for keeping up “the quality since Murcko moved on to other kitchens in the giant resort.”

Not content to rest on his laurels, Murcko opened The Farm one year ago as part of the Canyons’ ambitious resort enhancement project. One of nearly a dozen new dining venues at Canyons, The Farm was selected by Salt Lake Magazine as the **“Best New Restaurant in Utah.”** The magazine applauded The Farm for sourcing the majority of its ingredients from within 200 miles of Park City.

“It’s been quite a day,” Murcko said. “I’m humbled to be named alongside of the best chefs in America by the James Beard Foundation. Then, to receive this dual recognition from Salt Lake Magazine – it’s a reflection of my team and how hard we work. We have great support from Talisker and Canyons, our suppliers go to incredible lengths to find us the best possible ingredients, and we truly love our guests.”

Talisker dining venues range from private dining rooms to two new signature restaurants that opened in December. Slopes by Talisker, located inside the iconic Waldorf Astoria Park City, features an innovative menu that incorporates the healthy “living well” mantra of the adjacent Golden Door Spa. Bistro at Canyons opened to rave reviews just before the December holidays, serving gourmet “Modern American” cuisine in a Parisian-style intimate dining room.

The James Beard Foundation Awards will announce five finalists in each of 20 categories on March 19. Winners will be announced May 7th.

Talisker on Main is located at 515 Main Street and is open seven nights a week from 5:30pm. For reservations, call (435) 658-5479. The Farm is located at Canyons Resort, 4000 Canyons Resort Dr., and is open seven days a week from 11:00am to 10:00pm. For reservations, call (435) 615-8080.

About Chef John Murcko

Executive Chef John Murcko brings more than 20 years of professional culinary experience to the Talisker Restaurant Collection, which includes signature restaurants Talisker on Main, The Farm, Bistro at Canyons and Slopes by Talisker. Originally from Holly, Michigan, Chef Murcko's fascination with fine cuisine began at age 10 when his father took him to New York's Tavern on the Green." Throughout his career, Murcko has been recognized repeatedly for his talent and culinary innovations. Recently, Murcko and his team dazzled guests at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival's "An Artist at the Table". Murcko and his creations have been lauded in publications including The New York Times, Wine Spectator, Huffington Post, SHAPE Magazine, Salt Lake Magazine, Salt Lake Tribune and City Weekly.

About Talisker

Talisker is a privately-held international real estate company operating for 25 years in Canada, the United States, United Kingdom and Europe. Talisker is the largest mountain real estate and resort operating company in one of North America's premier year-round mountain destinations, Park City, Utah. With 14,000 acres in the Wasatch mountain range, from the slopes of the Deer Valley® Resort to the valleys surrounding the Jordanelle Reservoir, Talisker has developed three of Park City's preeminent family-oriented residential communities – Tuhaye, Empire Pass and Red Cloud – united as one through Talisker Club, an exclusive private club. When Talisker acquired Canyons Resort, it incorporated 4,000 acres of internationally acclaimed ski and snowboarding terrain. With the addition of the legendary Waldorf Astoria Park City, Talisker is now comprised of an array of businesses: mountain hospitality lodging, ski operations, public restaurants, golf courses, a private club, real estate development and a real estate brokerage. For more information, please visit www.Talisker.com.

About Canyons Resort

Canyons Resort, a Talisker mountain destination in Park City, Utah, is the fourth-largest ski resort in North America with 182 trails across nine mountains, also making it Utah's largest and most dynamic ski and snowboard resort. Five world-class hotels at Canyons include the luxurious Waldorf Astoria Park City and the AAA Four-Diamond Grand Summit Hotel. Canyons Resort offers more than a dozen dining venues that range from upscale food carts to The Farm, a fine dining restaurant with seasonal cuisine sourced within 200 miles of Park City. The resort is home to the Orange Bubble Express, which is North America's most technologically advanced and first heated chair lift; a lively gathering area at the base of the mountain named Ski Beach; a fast-paced zip line circuit; and 300 acres of new terrain at Iron Mountain. Last year, Canyons proposed an 8-passenger gondola known as SkiLink that, subject to approvals, will connect Canyons and Solitude resorts in just 11 minutes and create the most unique ski network in North America. Salt Lake City International Airport is just 35 minutes away and provides convenient access from anywhere in the world. For a taste of the new and exciting Canyons, visit www.CanyonsResort.com.

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