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RE: INTERCONTINENTAL CHICAGO MAGNIFICENT MILE AMONG 16 BRAND PROPERTIES ACROSS THE AMERICAS TO FEATURE "FIT FOR ROYALTY" MENU WITH PROCEEDS BENEFITING A LOCAL FOOD BANK

The InterContinental Hotels & Resorts brand and the Chefs of World Leaders shine spotlight on hunger through special menu and philanthropic launch event in NYC

CHICAGO (July 24, 2013) – From **Sunday, July 28 to Sunday, Aug. 4**, the [InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile](#) and 15 other InterContinental properties across the U.S., Canada, Costa Rica and Argentina will offer guests and local residents dishes literally fit for a king. The [InterContinental Hotels & Resorts](#) brand and members of [Le Club des Chefs de Chefs](#) (C.C.C.) -- the organization of chefs to the world's Heads of State -- are presenting a "Fit for Royalty" menu in conjunction with their U.S visit, which will feature the dishes they often prepare for their respective world leaders. A portion of the proceeds from this menu will be donated to local food banks in the participating hotels' cities. The purpose of this initiative is to draw attention to the borderless issue of hunger.

The recipes being prepared, which are not necessarily haute cuisine, provide a view of home-style cooking from the first families of the world. Ten dishes created by the personal chefs of the President of the United States, the Queen of England, Queen of Denmark, Chancellor of Germany, President of India, Prime Minister of Canada, Prince of Monaco – and other world leaders recipes will be featured on the menu. The InterContinental Chicago will include the following Chefs of World Leader dish on its room service menu as well as on the Michael Jordan's Steakhouse bar menu.

- Chopped Summer Salad with Pecans and Tarragon Dressing

Cristeta Comerford

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Chef to Barack Obama, President of the United States

15% percent of the proceeds made from the above menu item will benefit the [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#).

On Saturday, July 27, the InterContinental Hotels & Resorts brand, the C.C.C. and the InterContinental New York Barclay will launch this initiative with a philanthropic event at Xavier Mission, located at 55 W 15th Street in New York, where they will serve these dishes of dignitaries to more than 200 New Yorkers in need. At this event, 20 personal chefs of the world's presidents, prime ministers, kings, queens and princes will collaborate with the [InterContinental New York Barclay](#) Hotel's Executive Chef Serge Devesa and City Harvest to cook these dishes.

The 20 visiting Chefs of World Leaders include:

- Cristeta Pasia COMERFORD: Chef to President Barack Obama of the United States of America
- Christian GARCIA: Club President - Chef to His Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco
- Mark FLANAGAN: Club Vice President - Chef to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain
- Machindra KASTURE: Chef to President Pranab Kumar Mukherjee of India
- Jesper VOLLMER: Chef to Her Majesty the Queen Margrethe II of Denmark
- Timothy WASYLKO: Chef to Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada
- Bernard VAUSSION: Chef to President François Hollande of France
- Ulrich KERZ: Chef to Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany
- Gregor ZIMMERMANN: Chef in charge of the official receptions of Switzerland
- Catzola PIETRO & Santangelo GIOVANNI: Chefs to President Giorgio Napolitano and the Quirinale Palace (Italy)
- Anton Brinsley Rohan FERNANDOPULLE: Chef in charge of official receptions of Sri Lanka
- The Great Hall of the People in Beijing - Represented by two of its chefs (China)
- Shalom KADOSH: Chef in charge of the Official Receptions of Israel
- Norbert KOSTNER: Chef in charge of official receptions of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand
- Isto TAHVANAINEN: Chef to President Sauli Niinistö of the Republic of Finland
- Grzegorz RZESZOTARSKI: Chef to President Bronisław Komorowski of Republic of Poland
- Rupert SCHNAIT: Chef in charge of the official receptions of Austria
- Charles Ferrier RICHARDSON: Chef to President Ali Bongo Ondimba of Gabon

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About InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile

Located at 505 N. Michigan Ave., [InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile](#) is the only hotel with a front entrance on the prestigious Magnificent Mile – Chicago’s most desirable address. Originally built in 1929 as the Medinah Athletic Club, an exclusive luxury men’s club, the property is one of Chicago’s most elegant landmarks. The hotel features 792 refurbished guest rooms, including 73 lavishly decorated suites. The hotel’s historic, junior Olympic size pool is recognized as one of the best indoor pools in the U.S. and is included in Chicago’s major architectural tours. Dining options in the hotel include **Michael Jordan Steak House**, an elegant, modern American steakhouse that reflects the basketball legend’s preferred dining style, and **ENO**, an upscale yet approachable wine lounge that features cheese and chocolate pairings.

Club des Chefs des Chefs (CCC)

The Club des Chefs des Chefs (CCC) was founded at the restaurant Paul Bocuse, the legendary temple of gastronomy, in Collonges-au-Mont-d’Or in 1977, in the presence of a number of personal chefs of heads of state. The meeting was organized by Gilles Bragard, couturier to chefs and international hospitality. The Club des Chefs des Chefs, which is seen as the world’s most exclusive gastronomic society, has extremely strict membership criteria: to be accepted into this highly elite club, one needs to be the current personal chef of a head of state. If he or she does not have a personal chef, members can be the executive chef of the venue that hosts official State receptions. One member is admitted per country with the exception of China, which has two seats. One of the society’s primary purposes is to promote major culinary

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traditions and to protect the origins of each national cuisine. The Club des Chefs des Chefs also aims to develop friendship and cooperation between its members, who have similar responsibilities in their respective countries. www.club-des-chefs-des-chefs.com/

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