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Chef Janis McLean to Take Reins of 15 Ria at the Doubletree Washington Hotel

Cuisine to Focus on Diverse Seasonal Menus

MEMPHIS, Tenn., August 31, 2008—Officials of the Doubletree Washington, D.C. today announced that they have named Janis McLean executive chef of the hotel's 15ria restaurant.

“Renowned for her diverse seasonal menus, Chef Janis will keep the restaurant creative and adventurous,” said Rodney Bernard, hotel general manager. “While 15ria already is considered one of the city’s trendiest upscale eateries with unpretentious prices, we fully expect her to help the restaurant achieve new culinary heights.”

A 15-year restaurant professional, she most recently was Executive Chef at the upscale Morrison Clark Historic Inn and Restaurant, a highly regarded eatery in downtown Washington that features Southern-influenced cuisine. The restaurant was acclaimed in such publications as *Conde Nast Traveler* and *Gourmet* magazine. She also helped launch and served as executive chef at the popular redDog Café in Silver Springs, Md., to critical acclaim. McLean graduated from the professional program at L’Académie de Cuisine and trained throughout France, as well.

A high-profile chef, McLean has appeared on TV Food Network's Food Fight game show. She also has been a guest speaker on culinary trends at the Smithsonian. She is an active member of Women Chefs and Restaurateurs, Les Dames d'Escoffier and American Institute of Wine and Food.

Situated just three blocks from Dupont Circle inside the Doubletree Washington, D.C., 15ria is a Zagat-rated restaurant and was voted "City's Best" by AOL. The restaurant focuses on locally grown produce and features American cuisine with a Southern flair menu, offering bistro-style braised and grilled entrees, fresh seafood, steaks, and chops. The restaurant also houses one of the city's premier bars with sophisticated signature drinks, first-rate microbrews, and creative appetizers. Signature drinks include Avenue Mojitos, MargaRia's and Albino Cosmopolitans.