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**CULINARY DUO NEWLY APPOINTED AT ISLAND HOTEL NEWPORT BEACH**

***David Man Named Executive Chef, Joseph Orichiella Named Food and Beverage Director***

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (Jan. 9, 2012) – Hospitality veterans, David Man appointed as executive chef and Joseph Orichiella named food and beverage director, have joined the food and beverage operations at Island Hotel Newport Beach – an AAA Five Diamond 295-room property set amidst five lush acres in Newport Center, the region’s most upscale business district.

According to Ralph Grippo, president of Irvine Company Resort Properties, “We have selected Man and Orichiella as the key leaders to initiate and implement an exciting new direction for our culinary and food and beverage teams. They will be instrumental in helping us redefine and elevate the hotel’s luxury dining experience, including the enhancement of current offerings, expanding our core business and creating new opportunities for their teams and our visitors.”

New executive chef David Man is returning to Island Hotel, where he previously served as chef de cuisine and then executive sous chef. He will oversee all culinary operations, including the hotel’s signature restaurant Palm Terrace, banquet and outside catering services, in-room dining, menu development, special programs, restaurant staffing and supervision.

Most recently Man held chef de cuisine positions at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach and the Diamond Club and Knothole restaurants at Anaheim’s Angel Stadium. Prior to holding these positions, he was an important part of the culinary team at Island Hotel for five years, showing strong leadership skills in his roles as assistant to the executive chef as well as heading the stewarding department and assisting with the overall running of the banquet department. He also helped reopen fine dining restaurant Aubergine in Newport Beach, and served as chef de cuisine at the former Troquet in Costa Mesa.

He is a local native residing in Orange County, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business from the University of Southern California and graduated from the California Culinary Academy.

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As food and beverage director, Orichiella will oversee approximately 140 employees, the operations of the property's dining venues and all banquet needs for the 22,000 square feet of meeting facilities. In addition, he will be responsible for the hotel's in-room dining, special programs including the hotel's recently launched express lunch menus, supervising the property's newly created off-site private events division, as well as overseeing the management of the food and beverage operations at Oak Creek Golf Club in Irvine.

With over twenty years of experience in the hospitality industry, newly appointed food and beverage director Orichiella most recently worked as the assistant general manager of Larkspur Hotels & Restaurants' boutique hotel Toll House Hotel in Los Gatos, where he oversaw all hotel operations including the food and beverage department. Prior to that, he served as director of food and beverage at Four-Star/Four Diamond Hilton's Conrad Chicago. He has also held food and beverage director positions at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Ill.; the PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach, Fla.; and the Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel & Spa in Pasadena, Calif.

Orichiella is a native of Huntington Beach and resides in Irvine.

#### **About Island Hotel Newport Beach**

Overlooking the nearby islands of Balboa, Lido and even Catalina, Island Hotel Newport Beach was originally built in 1986 by the Irvine Company and now features: 295 recently renovated guestrooms and suites; a 4,000-square-foot spa; a 3,000-square-foot resort-style pool; the award-winning Palm Terrace Restaurant & Lounge; a fitness center; and over 22,000 square feet of meeting space. The hotel is across the street from the acclaimed Fashion Island shopping center, and just minutes away from Newport Harbor.

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