

AUBERGE DU SOLEIL REVAMPS ITS ICONIC DINING TERRACE

Redesign of the Restaurant and Bistro & Bar Deck Enhances Napa Valley's Most Famous View

RUTHERFORD, CALIF. (February 25, 2010) – Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley's most celebrated luxury inn, announced the completion of the redesigned outdoor dining terrace that wraps around its Michelin-starred Restaurant and Bistro & Bar. San Francisco-based interior designer Suzanne Tucker, of Tucker & Marks, focused the project to enhance the resort's simple elegance and rustic charm, as well as to offer even more sweeping views of the Napa Valley and its Technicolor sunsets.

“The outdoor dining area has long been one of our resort's greatest attractions, and we wanted to make sure that it would continue to delight our guests for years to come,” said Mark Harmon, CEO Auberge Resorts. “These new improvements enrich our one-of-a-kind dining experience.”

In addition to replacing the decking with durable Redwood and Brazilian Ipe wood, Tucker, the protégé of the resort's original designer, Michael Taylor, eliminated columns that had created blind spots, replaced thick wood railing with graceful metal and reconfigured the tables to further showcase the view. “The result opens up the view and reinforces the tranquil, private and casually chic ambiance that Michael created for a magical al fresco dining experience,” she said.

Included in the terrace enhancement were new infrared heaters that will allow patrons to enjoy the experience of dining under the stars on chilly evenings, and ceiling-mounted fans to provide a soothing breeze on warm summer days. A new Bose sound system will provide a top-of-the-line listening experience for both live and pre-recorded music, further adding to the resort's relaxed California elegance.

About Auberge Resorts

Auberge Resorts is a collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs, each with a unique personality that assures a memorable guest experience. Among the distinctive properties are Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, South Carolina; Encantado, Santa Fe; Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif, with several others currently in development. While Auberge Resorts nurtures the individuality of each establishment, all are characterized by a set of communal elements: intimate, understated elegance; captivating locations that inspire exceptional

cuisine and spa experiences; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit www.aubergeresorts.com.

Auberge du Soleil is also a member of **Relais & Châteaux**, the prestigious global hospitality association of intimate, elegant and independently owned hotels and acclaimed restaurants. Founded in 1954 in France, the association is comprised of 480 luxurious establishments in 56 countries.

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