

EPICUREAN

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EPICUREAN HOTEL ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING OF SIGNATURE RESTAURANT AND ADDITIONAL BRAND ELEMENT CONCEPTS

Tampa, FL— The Epicurean Hotel, a partnership between Bern's Steak House and Mainsail Lodging and Development Group, announces the grand opening of its signature restaurant and select brand element concepts. The Epicurean may best be described as a foodie's paradise, a wine lover's dream, and a place for connoisseurs of life to come and indulge their appetites.

Élevage, the Epicurean's signature restaurant, features 2012 James Beard Best Chef South Semi-Finalist Chad Johnson as the Executive Chef. At Élevage, Johnson reexamines classic cuisine from around the world and elevates it with a modern twist. Developed out of Bern's Steak House traditions, this new restaurant continues to do things differently with great pride and passion. Élevage will officially open to the public on Wed., Dec. 18 with bar service beginning at noon and dinner service from 5 - 10pm.

The Epicurean features a rooftop bar unlike any other in the Tampa area. Living up to its name, **Edge Social Drinkery** delights guests with unique cocktails designed by Director of Spirits Dean Hurst. Small plates and cheese boards pair nicely with the cocktail offerings to complete the guest experience. Edge will open to the public at 5pm on Wed., Dec. 18.

Chocolate Pi, the in-house pâtisserie featuring Executive Pastry Chef Kim Yelvington's specialty sweets, will open by the end of December.

Regular operating hours are as follows:

Élevage:

Breakfast: Monday – Friday 7-10am; Saturday and Sunday Brunch 9am-2pm

Lunch: Monday – Friday 11am-2pm

Dinner: Sunday – Thursday 5-10pm; Friday and Saturday 5-11pm

Breakfast Bar: Monday – Sunday 6:30-11am

Bar: Monday – Sunday 11am-11pm

Edge Social Drinkery:

Monday – Thursday 5pm-12am

Friday 5pm-1am

Saturday 2pm-1am

Sunday 2pm-12am

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- About Mainsail Lodging and Development Group-

Mainsail Lodging and Development is a Tampa-based hospitality company that develops and operates lodging products in the Southeastern US and the Caribbean. Their properties include Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina (ScrubIsland.com), a private island resort in the British Virgin Islands and member of Autograph Collection® of Marriott International; Mainsail Beach Inn (MainsailBeachInn.com), a boutique beachfront hotel and marina on Anna Maria Island, Florida; Mainsail Suites Hotel and Conference Center (MainsailTampa.com) in Tampa, Florida; Mainsail South, a 328-unit apartment and corporate housing complex in South Tampa; and Mainsail Apartment Homes, a 360-unit apartment community in Tampa's Westshore district. The company also operates ExecuStay (ExecuStay.com) under the Oakwood brand, a leading corporate housing provider throughout Florida, Georgia and The Carolinas. Opening December 2013 in Tampa, Florida, the boutique food-focused Epicurean hotel (EpicureanHotel.com) is being developed in collaboration with the legendary Bern's Steak House and will be the first newly constructed property in the United States to join the Autograph Collection®.

- About Bern's Steak House-

Internationally known for its vast wine collection, perfectly aged steaks and famous dessert room, Bern's Steak House offers a world-class, incomparable dining experience. When Bern Laxer opened in 1956, he envisioned Bern's as Art in Steaks. Today, son David Laxer and Chef de Cuisine Habteab Hamde continue Bern's tradition of excellence with a gastronomic adventure that includes prime dry-aged steaks cut-to-order, 21 choices of caviar, fresh seafood, and vegetables in a setting like none other. Housing the world's largest wine collection of over 500,000 bottles, Bern's offers 7,000 selections to its guests. Additionally, SideBern's, Bern's sister restaurant and its Executive Chef Chad Johnson were named a 2012 Semifinalist for Best Chef: South by the James Beard Foundation. For more information on Bern's Steak House and its subsidiaries, visit www.bernssteakhouse.com.

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