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Indulge in Evangeline – A Delectable Spa at the Epicurean Hotel

TAMPA, Fla. – Located on the ground floor of Tampa's 137-room boutique Epicurean hotel, Spa Evangeline, offers a sumptuous experience for guests and locals. Named for the iconic statue located in the neighboring Bern's Steak House, the 2,800-square-foot Evangeline features five treatment rooms, a relaxation room and manicure and pedicure stations. Two of the treatment rooms are exclusively for couples and include a Watersong Couples Tub showcasing chromatherapy lighting and a Kohler Duet Shower equipped with 16 shower heads and steam.

Evangeline offers a delectable variety of massage therapy, facials and skin care essentials, body treatments, nail care and make-up services for women and men. Guests can also work with a spa sommelier to create custom spa products using fresh fruits, essential oils and locally grown herbs that can be utilized during the spa treatment or taken home. Carefully-selected complimentary wines are provided to guests for some treatments and are also available for purchase by-the-glass to enhance the Evangeline experience. Evangeline also offers the elegant Moët & Chandon champagne by the glass and are the exclusive spa in the area to offer Moët Ice Imperial, the first champagne created specifically to be poured over ice. Select treatments also include a delicious dessert from the hotel's pâtisserie, Chocolate Pi.

The spa is operated on behalf of the Epicurean Hotel by **WTS International**, one of the world's leading spa management firms. The spa offers a variety of unique product lines and treatments to the area – **FarmHouse Fresh®**, **Caudalie**, **HydraFacial MD®** and **ELEMIS**. Based in Texas, FarmHouse Fresh® creates natural and organic bath and body products designed with southern vintage flair and using indigenous regional ingredients. In keeping with the Epicurean's culinary theme, FarmHouse Fresh® offers their liquor-based body polishes, including Butter Rum, Bourbon Bubbler, Watermelon-Basil Vodkatini and the top-selling Whoopie! Cream, all of which can be experienced in a variety of spa treatments such as the Dulce Delight pedicure.

Caudalie – is the creator of Vinothérapie® and was founded in the heart of the vineyards in Bordeaux, France. Vinothérapie® combines the virtues of naturally warm spring water rich in minerals and trace elements with the latest scientific findings on the benefits of the vine and grapes. Spa services such as the quintessential crushed cabernet massage and the vinoperfect radiance facial showcase Caudalie's products and blend perfectly with the Epicurean Hotel's other culinary spa offerings.

The HydraFacial MD® treatment is the only skin rejuvenation treatment that combines soothing and invigorating spa therapies with advanced medical technology. It is a non-invasive, multistep treatment that combines the benefits of next-level hydradermabrasion, a chemical peel, automated painless extractions and a special delivery of antioxidants, hyaluronic acid and peptides. It does all of this in one quick treatment that delivers real results without downtime or irritation. Evangeline is one of the only non-med spas in the area to offer this.

ELEMIS products are an innovative blend of science with the chemistry of nature, carefully crafted by a dedicated team of explorers, scientists and skincare experts. The results-driven products are scientifically-proven and utilized for individual skincare and lifestyle needs. ELEMIS products being carried in the spa range from Anti-Aging Cleansing Balms and Rose Exfoliators to Advanced Eye Treatments and Oxygenating Marine Cream. Treatments being offered are the Pro-Collagen Age Defy Facial and the Superfood Pro-Radiance Facial.

A special spa menu for men has also been created and features treatments including Fine as Wine men's facial, Hot Whiskey Scour massage (served with a shot of whiskey at the end) and the Bern's Bourbon on the Rocks pedicure.

Evangeline's retail boutique offers premium products and accessories ranging from exclusive brands such as Jane Iredale (mineral makeup), Tipsy Candles (made from repurposed wine bottles), Feeling Smitten (cupcake bath bombs), Mudpie (jewelry, handbags and clothing), Jaxkelly Candles (crystal candles), Sara Happ (lip scrub), Vitajuwel (water bottles) and Shower Bursts (aromatherapy shower products). Several available products also allow guests to take their spa experience home, including Comphy Co. Sheets, Lightstim (LED light therapy) and Pure Inventions (antioxidants).

Some of the cutting-edge technology enjoyed by guests of the Epicurean Hotel are also found in the spa. All treatment rooms have iPads allowing spa therapists to make notes about individual visits and email guests with follow-up care or product recommendations. Guests are able to select the music genre they would like to enjoy during their treatments and appointments can be scheduled on the spot.

Located in the trendy Hyde Park historic district of South Tampa, Fla., the food-focused AAA Four Diamond Epicurean hotel features a state-of-the-art culinary classroom known as the Epicurean Theatre; Élevage, a restaurant where classic recipes are re-imagined; EDGE rooftop bar; Chocolate Pi pâtisserie; Bern's Fine Wines & Spirits wine shop; Evangeline full-service spa; and 5,200-square feet of flexible event space. The Epicurean Hotel was developed in collaboration with Mainsail Lodging & Development and the legendary Bern's Steak House and is the first newly constructed hotel property in the United States to join the prestigious Autograph Collection® of Marriott International, Inc. (NYSE: MAR).

The spa is open to the public and spa memberships and gift cards are available. For reservations and more information on the Evangeline spa at the Epicurean Hotel, please call (813) 999-8742 or visit www.SpaEvangeline.com. For hotel reservations, please call (813) 999-8700 or visit www.EpicureanHotel.com.

About Mainsail Lodging & Development LLC

Mainsail Lodging & 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 on Anna Maria Island, Florida; and the boutique food-focused Epicurean Hotel (EpicureanHotel.com) in Tampa, Florida. The company also operates corporate housing throughout the Southeast, exclusively managing the Florida market for Oakwood Worldwide® under both its ExecuStay® (ExecuStay.com) and Oakwood® (Oakwood.com) brands, while also operating ExecuStay in Georgia, portions of Alabama, and The Carolinas. Mainsail is developing their fourth hotel, Waterline Marina Resort & Beach Club on Anna Maria Island, Florida, which is under construction and slated to open Fall 2017. Two additional Florida hotels are planned for 2018 and 2019, respectively – Fenway Hotel in Dunedin and Luminary Hotel & Co. in Fort Myers. Just north of Tampa in Pasco County, Mainsail Lodging is also developing a 128-room Residence Inn in conjunction with an indoor sports complex. Mainsail Lodging's corporate charity is Feeding Tampa Bay – the largest food rescue and distribution organization in the community. Mainsail actively supports the cause through a variety of employee and guest programs ranging from packing and sorting at the warehouse to annual events including Epic Chef Showdown.

About WTS International

Over the last four decades, WTS has offered design, pre-opening, transition and management services for complexes of all types and sizes throughout the United States and abroad. WTS's portfolio includes hundreds of clubs, resorts, hotels, residential developments, office and mixed-use sites, community and recreation club houses, and institutions of higher learning. WTS's turn-key approach is unique to the industry; from cutting-edge concepts and designs to qualified staff and creative marketing campaigns, WTS provides all of the tools necessary for operational and financial success. The WTS Team is excited about this opportunity to work with Evangeline and to bring their collective talent to the Epicurean Hotel.

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. In 2016, Bern's won the Outstanding Wine Program Award from the James Beard Foundation. In 2014, Bern's was named an Outstanding Restaurant Semi-finalist, one of twenty in the country, and additionally, SideBern's, Bern's sister restaurant and its Executive Chef Chad Johnson, also of the Epicurean Hotel, were named a 2012 and 2014 Semifinalist for Best Chef: South. For more information on Bern's Steak House and its subsidiaries, visit BernsSteakHouse.com.

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