

THE RITTENHOUSE

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LACROIX AT THE RITTENHOUSE RECOGNIZED AS TOP HOTEL RESTAURANT IN THE U.S. Philadelphia's Revered Fine Dining Destination Receives Prestigious Accolade

Philadelphia, PA – August 8th, 2017 – The Rittenhouse Hotel and Hersha Hospitality Trust are pleased to announce that the renowned hotel's award-winning fine dining restaurant, Lacroix, was recognized by USA Today and 10Best.com as one of the country's top ten hotel restaurants.

Celebrated both regionally and nationally for over a decade, Lacroix has received numerous accolades; from a AAA four-diamond ranking every year of operation, to continued recognition of its highly-regarded wine list - most recently winning both a 2017 Best of Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator (for the third year in a row) and the only three-star ranking in the state by The World of Fine Wine. Led by Executive Chef Jon Cichon along with his team of talented culinarians and hospitality experts, Lacroix continues to create special dining experiences for their guests with a progressive, innovative menu that focuses on the finest ingredients and freshest flavors.

"The experience at Lacroix is best defined in the details," said Cichon. "Whether it is the preparation of ingredients, the rarity of produce from elite farms and purveyors or the wines we pour that are brought in specifically for each course – dining at Lacroix is better than ever."

Chef Cichon is well known as one of Philadelphia's most talented young chefs. Starting at Lacroix as an intern under the opening and eponymous Chef Jean-Marie Lacroix, Chef Cichon rose through the ranks and has been at the helm of the restaurant as executive chef since 2010. From an invitation to cook at New York City's James Beard House to introducing an exclusive 5-course tasting menu during Lacroix's dinner service – Chef Cichon continues to grow and elevate Lacroix's guest experience, forging a fresh yet refined path across the food and beverage landscape.

Nominated by a panel of hospitality experts, which included a combination of editors from USA TODAY, editors from 10Best.com and other industry contributors – and after four weeks of voting by readers and the general public – Lacroix secured a place as one of America's best hotel restaurants.

"It is an honor to have Lacroix recognized as the standout restaurant that it is by such a respected source," said Reginald Archambault, the hotel's general manager. "The Rittenhouse Hotel and its restaurants and bars create engaging hospitality experiences that attract the most discerning guests from around the country and the world."

In addition to Lacroix, the renowned urban resort's other outstanding outlets – the Library Bar, The Rittenhouse Spa & Club, The Mary Cassatt Tea Room, Scarpetta Rittenhouse and Egan Rittenhouse – continue to delight guests with unique, exceptional offerings coupled with The

Rittenhouse’s world-class service, year after year – making Philadelphia’s most iconic hotel a true destination.

The Rittenhouse is located at 210 West Rittenhouse Square. For more information about events or to make a reservation at the restaurant please visit lacroixrestaurant.com or call 215-790-2525.

ABOUT LACROIX

Located in The Rittenhouse hotel at 210 West Rittenhouse Square, Lacroix boasts an innovative and invigorating dining experience of progressive, international cuisine against the gorgeous backdrop of Rittenhouse Square. The exquisite culinary team, expert sommeliers and renowned mixologists serve fresh, seasonal dishes with the highest quality ingredients and clean flavors. The iconic, award-winning restaurant offers dinner daily from 5:30-9:30 pm, breakfast daily from 7am to 10am, lunch Monday through Saturday 11am to 2pm and their renowned Sunday brunch from 11am to 2:30pm. Bar 210 within Lacroix is open daily from 11 am to 10pm, with a limited food menu. For more information, visit lacroixrestaurant.com

ABOUT THE RITTENHOUSE

Located at 210 West Rittenhouse Square, The Rittenhouse is an independent luxury hotel and year-after-year recipient of the Forbes Four Star. This distinguished landmark hotel is a member of Leading Hotels of the World and considered Philadelphia’s most desired address. Opened in 1989, The Rittenhouse is ideally situated on Philadelphia’s famed Rittenhouse Square, within walking distance to the heart of the business district and premier shopping corridor. Additionally, the hotel affords easy access to the Philadelphia Convention Center and all of the City’s numerous arts, cultural, dining and entertainment venues. For more information, visit rittenhousehotel.com.

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