



RELEASE AT WILL

MEDIA CONTACTS:
Kat Calbes/Hannah Klodt
BLAZE
Tel: (310) 395-5050
Fax: (310) 395-5001
kcalbes@blazepr.com
hklodt@blazepr.com

**TOP-RATED CULINARY EXPERIENCES DELIGHT EVERY PALATE AT THE
RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA RESORT & SPA**

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. – Tucked in the heart of the desert valley, just minutes from Palm Springs, an extraordinary desert resort experience awaits visitors at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa. Known for superior cuisine and unique gourmet dining options, the resort features an array of fresh, innovative menus from California bistro dining to small plates.

At the valley's top Zagat-rated multi-award winning restaurant, **Sirocco**, guests are tantalized by the sophisticated Italian menu offered by Executive Chef Greg Picard. Steeped in tradition, the restaurant's time-honored Italian dishes were passed down by founding master chef Livio Massignani. Upon entering the restaurant, guests are immersed in the romantic Mediterranean setting with a spectacular lake view. Every meal at Sirocco begins with an amuse-bouche, Picard's "regalo" or gift to each guest, an unexpected yet beloved touch to each guest's experience. In addition to an extensive wine list, named to *Wine Spectator's* Worlds Best Restaurant Wine List in 2004, 2005, and 2006, Picard entices guests with a varied selection of signature pastas, risottos, chicken, steak and seafood. Signature dishes include the renowned Raviolini D' Aragosta, house made ravioli with lobster and Dungeness crab meat drizzled with an unforgettable shrimp lobster brandy sauce. For a truly memorable evening, Sirocco offers the Lombatina Di Vitello Valdostana, a veal rib stuffed with prosciutto, fontina cheese, and morel mushrooms. No meal is complete without one of the restaurant's divine deserts, like the Bignole Alla Crema, pastry puffs with Chantilly cream topped with a warm chocolate and toasted hazelnut sauce.

For a chic destination with an eclectic selection of small plates, **Glo** offers an imaginative menu with delightful surprises such as homemade donuts and s'mores. The chic lobby bar offers a trio of crab cake, cheddar burger, and pulled pork sliders-- a favorite for their big taste in a small dish. Glo also offers a **kid's menu**, with selections like Fresh Cut Veggies, Crust-less PB & J Panini, or Penne Pasta. The late-night crowd can stop by for one of the restaurant's **signature drinks** like a Desert Rose Martini featuring pomegranate liqueur and hibiscus tea or for those looking for little extra kick, an Esmeralda Margarita.

Glo recently added a new Sushi Bar with the first certified sake sommelier in the Desert Valley area. Featuring an expansive sake menu, the **Sushi Bar at Glo** offers weekly rituals such as sushi and sake pairings, as well as an all-you-can-eat sushi special. With a distinctive selection of sushi items and sake pairings, the Sushi Bar is perfect for a quick bite in a more casual, relaxed environment.

Cava offers guests a bistro-style dining option surrounding a stunning orchid garden. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the bistro's selections have a distinctive California flare. Menu favorites for all meals include Lemon Ricotta pancakes, the cream of mushroom soup and the portabello mushroom sandwich. Guests can start their meal with a variety of appetizer options including Mussels, Thai Wraps, or Chicken Quesadillas with fresh homemade salsa and guacamole. For lunch, offerings include entrée salads and sandwiches, like the Korean Hanger Steak Salad, and the Portobello Sandwich. The dinner menu includes the American steak and seafood fare includes a traditional Filet Mignon, Baby Back Ribs, and Salmon, as well as Vegetarian Whole Wheat Pasta for those looking to dine on the lighter side. Suggested wine pairings are offered with each dinner selection to ensure that guests fully enjoy their meals. To end on a sweet note, dessert at Cava offers a delectable array of items such as the Banana Mousse Cake and the Ultimate Hot Fudge Sundae, a treat for the whole family to devour together.

In addition to its selection of restaurant dining options, the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa offers two more casual dining options. Before starting a fun-filled day at the resort, guests can grab a quick breakfast at **Café Biscotti**, which offers Starbucks coffee and an assortment of homemade muffins and pastries. During their daytime adventures by the pool, can guests enjoy the Renaissance signature frozen Arnold Palmer, a delicious Mai-Tai, or a selection of lunch fare at the **Pool Bar**, without leaving their towels behind.

ABOUT THE RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA RESORT & SPA

The Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa, a member of the Marriott group, allows guests to discover the extraordinary within a distinctive desert setting, unlike any other hotel in the area. Located in the prestigious desert community of Indian Wells and nestled into the foot of the Santa Rosa Mountains, the four-star Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa is a highly sought after location for social events and meetings, boasting 560 beautifully appointed rooms and suites along with more than 100,000 square feet of flexible indoor and outdoor function space, all of which feature breathtaking views of the mountains or pool area. The property also offers award-winning cuisine and a talented culinary team, full-service spa and salon, state-of-the-art fitness center, Camp Oasis kids club and world-class tennis and golf facilities nearby. Currently, it is the only hotel in California to offer the popular family-friendly Nickelodeon® Getaway program which include character breakfasts and special activities for the kids to enjoy. The Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa, 44-000 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, CA 92210-8708, (760) 773-4444. www.renaissanceesmeralda.com