



## *Oberoi Hotels & Resorts*

### **The Oberoi, Mauritius welcomes Igor Bocchia as Executive Chef**

*Chef Bocchia brings a fresh outlook to the culinary offering*

**Mauritius, February 13, 2008:** The Oberoi, Mauritius, amongst The Oberoi Group's luxurious resorts, announces the appointment of Igor Bocchia as Executive Chef.

Chef Bocchia, a native of Asago, Italy, comes to The Oberoi from his most recent appointment as Chef and Manager of the Mandarin Oriental in Macau, China. Specialising in Italian, French and Asian cuisine, Chef Bocchia's previous experience includes the luxury resort, Bora Bora Nui Resort & Spa as well as the Grand Hotel Firenze in Venice, Italy. With more than 20 years of success at several of the finest hotels in the world, Chef Bocchia brings with him a wealth of knowledge of international cuisine.

Chef Bocchia said, "I am excited with this opportunity to share my passion for the culinary arts. My endeavour will remain to create a dining experience that evokes a feeling of familiarity while expanding one's culinary consciousness. I look forward to ensuring that guests at The Oberoi will savour only the best of gourmet cuisine and to presenting them with, what I hope will be a memorable experience."

Chef Bocchia studied at the Hotel and Catering Institute "Cristiano Lobbia" in Italy, where he completed his studies in 1994. His training continued at the luxury property, Hotel Exelsior in Venice, the Do Forni, acknowledged as the most famous restaurant in Venice, and the Michelin-star restaurant in the "Royal Hotel" in Courmayer, Italy. Chef Bocchia has also been featured in culinary publications and he has contributed to popular recipe books.

#### **Further note to the Editor:**

**The Oberoi, Mauritius** is located amidst 20 acres of lush tropical gardens and is surrounded by a turquoise lagoon. The resort has a 600 mts private beach and offers a plethora of water sports and outdoor recreation like wind surfing, water skiing, snorkeling and sailing. The Oberoi, Mauritius has a unique village concept with independent villas. The spa and the fitness center make the resort an idyllic destination for complete relaxation and rejuvenation. Dining options include two restaurants and a bar.

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