



THE RHODODENDRON CAFÉ REOPENS AT THE INN AT VIRGINIA MASON

*Neighborhood café opens its doors in the First Hill community
following an extensive renovation*

Seattle, Wash. (January 5, 2016) – The Inn at Virginia Mason is pleased to welcome guests to experience its renovated on-site restaurant, The Rhododendron Café. Located four blocks from downtown Seattle in the historic First Hill neighborhood, the café offers a comfortable, casual retreat to locals and travelers alike in its newly enhanced space.

The neighborhood destination will focus on classic, Pacific Northwest cuisine highlighting seasonal ingredients sourced from local purveyors such as Yakima Valley Fruits and Painted Hills Ranch. Menus will span from morning to night, with a full-service bar and a robust happy hour featuring Washington draft beer and wine. The café kicks off its winter opening with seasonally driven items such as a chef's pot pie with root vegetables, and local staples like Pacific clam and salmon chowder. The café will also offer a daily Grab-N-Go menu with fresh choices such as artisanal sandwiches and salads, providing a convenient option to nearby businesses and hospitals.

“We are thrilled to be reopening The Rhododendron Café with a revitalized design and relaxed dining experience,” said Carol Gallagher, general manager of The Inn at Virginia Mason. “We look forward to providing guests and Seattle residents a neighborhood hot spot with delicious cuisine, after-work happy hour and exceptional service.”

The Rhododendron Café will be led by Executive Chef Chase Smith, who has worked with Columbia Hospitality since 2012 at Bell Harbor International Conference Center. A graduate of the culinary program at The Art Institute of Seattle, Chef Smith brings an understanding of exceptional hospitality and her passion for cooking with fresh ingredients to the café.

Conveniently located off the lobby of the historic Inn at Virginia Mason, the café is named after the building's origin as the Rhododendron Apartments and offers the perfect combination of historical charm with a new look, and a lovely courtyard for outdoor dining during the warmer months. Columbia Hospitality manages The Inn at Virginia Mason and The Rhododendron Café.

For more information about The Rhododendron Café please visit:

www.innatvirginiamason.com/restaurant/

About The Inn at Virginia Mason

The Inn at Virginia Mason is connected to the Virginia Mason Seattle Hospital in the First Hill neighborhood, located four blocks from downtown Seattle. The Inn provides convenient accommodations for patients and their families, while also being an affordable urban hotel for guests who are visiting Seattle on business or leisure travel. The Inn features 79 guestrooms and is within walking distance to a variety of activities, shopping and the Washington State Convention Center. The Rhododendron Café, located in the hotel, provides guests a causal and comfortable venue to enjoy distinctively Pacific Northwest cuisine. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 800-283-6453 or visit www.innatvirginiamason.com.

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