

SAGE LODGE WELCOMES WILLIAM CONROY AS EXECUTIVE CHEF

Conroy brings over 15 years of experience to the Montana resort



PRAY, Montana (January 12, 2023) – <u>Sage Lodge</u>, an outdoors-focused Montana resort located 30 miles north of Yellowstone National Park and managed by Columbia Hospitality, is excited to announce the selection of William Conroy as its new executive chef. The lodge, which opened in 2018 and has a long-standing partnership with Sage Fly Fishing, continues to solidify its reputation as one of the state's premier lodging properties, ranking in the top one percent in the world in Tripadvisor's "2022 Travelers' Choice Best of the Best" awards.

In his new role, Conroy will oversee culinary operations of banquets, events and the property's onsite restaurants, including The Grill at Sage Lodge and The Fireside Room, to implement the vision for the property.

"I am thrilled to join an amazing team and work at such a prestigious property," said Conroy. "I look forward to bringing my culinary expertise to Montana, expanding our cuisine offerings and providing guests with a one-of-a-kind dining experience that speaks to the Lodge's luxurious nature."

Conroy began his career working as a sous chef at Homestead Inn in Canadensis, Pennsylvania. He honed his culinary skills working in restaurants across the country and became executive chef at

both Sorrel River Ranch in Utah and Naples Bay Resort in Florida. Conroy gained extensive experience with culinary operations, overseeing a culinary team and cultivating menus with locally sourced ingredients to create an unforgettable dining experience.

In his new role as executive chef, Conroy looks forward to highlighting fresh and local ingredients, mentoring his team, and developing culinary event programming at the property. Conroy is from Hopatcong, New Jersey, and received his degree from the esteemed Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. In his free time, he enjoys snowboarding, riding his motorcycle and spending time with his two dogs, Blue and Temerity.

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<u>About Sage Lodge</u>

Created by outdoorsmen and situated on over a mile of Yellowstone riverfront, Sage Lodge is a destination for anglers, hikers and adventurers of all levels. Looking out at the majestic Emigrant Peak and its green and gold grasslands, the lodge blends the raw and rugged beauty of Paradise Valley with distinctive Montana hospitality. The rural resort offers 38 accommodations, including 34 guestrooms, and four stand-alone Ranch Houses with four guestrooms each. On-site dining options include the Fireside Room, a casual dining outlet adjacent to the lobby; and The Grill, a full restaurant and bar, complete with a wood-fired grill and indoor/outdoor vantage points. Sage Lodge also offers a luxury spa. Through a partnership with Sage Fly Fishing, an innovative world-class manufacturer of performance equipment, Sage Lodge provides guests the best in fly-fishing experiences and outdoor adventure. Sage Lodge is owned by the Joshua Green Corporation and managed by Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information, please visit www.sagelodge.com.

About Columbia Hospitality

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