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Telluride's newest dining experience opens at The Peaks Resort & Spa

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 (Telluride, CO) – Rustic elegance has arrived in Telluride, as announced today by The Peaks Resort & Spa. The recently opened Palmyra restaurant located at the resort is the next – and delicious – step for the resort that changed ownership and management in November.

“Named for the iconic peak that rises above our town, Palmyra restaurant looks to be just as unique in taste and experience,” said Mike Hess, sales and marketing director. “We trust that the menu, the unparalleled location and the ambience will establish a must-dine restaurant for locals and guests alike.”

One of the key ingredients in Palmyra's success will be the culinary direction and creation of Executive Chef Ross Martin, who joined The Peaks team in December. Named one of the *500 Chefs to Watch* by *starchefs.com* in 2008, Martin brings to the table more than 15 years of cooking experience, many at beloved Telluride restaurants.

“My focus at Palmyra, and throughout all dining options at The Peaks, is to have food that is sourced with conscious culinary practices,” said Martin, who is responsible for all resort dining to include: Palmyra; the Great Room; The Lift café, Legends breakfast buffet, Deep End Grill (summer only) and in-room dining.

“Palmyra will define rustic elegance. Our long term goal will be to obtain food from local growers and to provide great service in a comfortable setting. We expect Palmyra to attract everyday diners looking for an exceptional meal with approachable pricing.”

The Palmyra menu, that serves dinner only, will feature composed plates by Chef Ross to include steak, venison, quail, Colorado lamb, bison, black pearl Scottish salmon, Rocky Mountain trout with ever-changing accompaniments to showcase the season. Not to mention the sweet endings envisioned by Executive Pastry Chef Carly Kunselman, creator of the locally known Pumpkin Chiffon and Butterscotch Custard pie that will now be in high dessert demand at Palmyra.

Enjoy the plates and the surrounding peaks, call 970-728-6800 for a reservation at Palmyra. All Palmyra diners can enjoy 50% off one selected bottle of wine with purchase of two entrees (weeknights only through February 13, 2010). Reservations are recommended at the restaurant that is open nightly from 5:30 p.m.

About The Peaks Resort & Spa

The Peaks Resort & Spa is Telluride's premiere full-service resort hotel. The property includes 168-beautifully appointed guest rooms including 32 suites, as well as 14-penthouse condominiums and 34-two, three, four and five bedroom mountainside cabins – all with astounding mountain views. The resort offers slopeside access in the winter and is the home to the Pro Shop for the Telluride Golf Resort championship course. Onsite dining includes Palmyra, the Great Room, The Lift, Legends and Deep End Grill (summer only), as well as in-room private dining.

The onsite Spa at The Peaks Resort, at 42,000 sq. ft., is the largest spa in Colorado. The Spa features 32 treatment rooms and a variety of relaxing and rejuvenating signature treatments. The Spa also encompasses a full service salon, fully-equipped fitness center including Pilates and yoga studios, certified fitness instructors providing a variety of private and group classes, three-lane lap pool with Telluride's only indoor water slide, indoor climbing wall, gender specific steam rooms, saunas and Roman tubs, and indoor-outdoor heated pool and hot tubs. www.thepeaksresort.com

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