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THE BILTMORE'S PALME D'OR NAMED TOP RESTAURANT BY ZAGAT

CORAL GABLES, FL (December 2, 2009) – The Biltmore Hotel is proud to announce that the resort's signature restaurant **Palme d'Or** has been named the top restaurant for food, decor and service by **Zagat** in their **2010 Miami / So. Florida Restaurants** Survey. The restaurant is acclaimed for combining exquisite New French cuisine with magnificent service and old-world elegance. The survey gathers input from more than 6,100 diners to evaluate the nation's most acclaimed dining scenes. From posh Palm Beach to colorful, fast-paced Miami to the Florida Keys, the densely populated cosmopolitan region of South Florida is a diner's paradise. Thousands of restaurants representing virtually every culinary tradition and national heritage strive for the attention and praise of a sophisticated clientele making the Biltmore's success all the more remarkable.

"We are honored that **Palme d'Or** has been recognized as a premier dining venue in South Florida," said Dennis Doucette, The Biltmore's general manager. "Our goal is to provide the most sophisticated, innovative and enjoyable dining experience for our guests."

Under the imaginative direction of the young, personable French-born chef, **Philippe Ruiz**, with a dining room staff led by head sommelier **Sebastien Verrier**, **Palme d'Or** features a unique tasting menu showcasing innovative interpretations of classic Continental cuisine, with much of the exceptional local ingredients with specialties flown in directly from France and elsewhere. Dynamic wine pairings, of premium vintages or outstanding discoveries by Verrier, play a vital role in creating a memorable, one-of-a-kind dining experience. Guests may make their own selections – including some 100 wines by the glass – or put their trust in the hands of the restaurant's well-informed staff.

Indulge in the Biltmore's culinary delights with the Epicurean Escape package. While at the luxurious Biltmore you will receive 20% savings at **Palme d'Or** and the hotel's other culinary destinations including the acclaimed Biltmore Culinary Academy with classes taught by Chef Philippe Ruiz. To make a reservation call (305) 445-1926 or visit www.biltmorehotel.com. The Biltmore Hotel is located at 1200 Anastasia Avenue in Coral Gables, Florida.

About The Biltmore:

The Biltmore, Miami's National Historic Landmark hotel in Coral Gables, Florida is a true luxury destination resort. Offering a restored Donald Ross 18-hole, 71 par championship golf course, tennis, the largest hotel swimming pool in the country, with private poolside cabanas, a European spa, and an award-winning fitness center, spread over a 150-acre tropical landscape, the 275-room hotel is a true Miami luxury experience. The Biltmore also boasts the acclaimed Palme d'Or, which Zagat called one of the best restaurants in the country; Fontana, a Northern Italian restaurant surrounding the Biltmore fountain; the poolside Cascade restaurant; and the Biltmore Bar. The property recently unveiled its Culinary Academy which offers an array of hands-on cooking classes taught by the hotel's acclaimed chefs. The Biltmore is a member of the Leading Hotels of the World. For further information, visit www.BiltmoreHotel.com or call (800) 727-1926.

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