

SOFITEL SAN FRANCISCO BAY DEBUTS LOW-CALORIE DE-LIGHT MENUS

SAN FRANCISCO, May XX, 2011 – Following the successful launch of Sofitel Luxury Hotel's wellness gastronomy program in winter 2011, **Sofitel San Francisco Bay**, has announced the debut of the heralded **De-Light menus** beginning May 19, 2011. One of three new properties to introduce the low-calorie gastronomy program, Sofitel San Francisco Bay's new menu options will enhance the overall guest experience at the award-winning property. In addition to Sofitel San Francisco's Bay 223 restaurant, the low-calorie menu items will now be available as part of upcoming banquet and event menu options, as well as individual room service menus, providing an unparalleled level of convenience and service to Sofitel's guests.

Further celebrating Sofitel's emphasis on the gastronomic experience, the De-Light program features low-calorie cuisine, showcasing the chefs' inventive techniques in creating healthy, satisfying meals, without sacrificing flavor. While the De-Light menu items complement weight loss plans, the overall goal is a feeling of well-being – both physically and mentally - achieved through carefully balanced nutrition.

Highlighting the brand's unique '*magnifique*' culture, the low-calorie program bridges the experiences between its North American and European properties, while providing a healthful, sumptuous dining exploration to liven the body and soul. Created by expertly trained chefs, the wellness program is inspired by Thalassa Sea & Spa, a leading European brand in the well-being sector, promoting harmony between the body and mind, as well as the benefits of balanced nutrition. With these concepts in mind, the De-Light menu items place an emphasis on fresh, whole ingredients and highlight the relationship between food and culture. De-Light menu options at Sofitel San Francisco Bay will be crafted under the creative helm of the property's executive chef, Emmanuel Robert. Sample menu items include:

- ***Creamed Peas with Truffle Essence (104 Cal per serving)*** – The flavor of fresh spring peas, paired with the full-bodied essence of truffles and a creamy undertone.
- ***Fish with Avocado Cream (129 Cal per serving)*** – Harnessing the anti-oxidant powers of fish and creamy avocado, this dish pairs steamed Pollack fish with artichoke hearts and Dijon mustard. The plate is finished with a light lemony avocado puree.

- **Panacotta with Berries (115 Cal per serving)** – With hints of natural vanilla pods and the sweetness of honey, rather than processed sugar, the airy dessert is created with soya cream, a dairy-free healthful alternative, and paired with the exuberance of fresh raspberries and blackberries.

In addition to Sofitel San Francisco Bay, the innovative program will now be available throughout North America at properties in New York, Chicago, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Montreal, Los Angeles, Miami and Minneapolis with De-Light menu items offered in restaurant, banquet and room service menus. For more information, please visit www.sofitelde-light.com or www.sofitel.com.

Sofitel San Francisco Bay

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