

# **JW MARRIOTT GRAND RAPIDS ANNOUNCES NEW SIGNATURE RESTAURANT AND MARKET FRESH MENU**

*Eatery's "Chef's Lab" to feature live culinary performances*

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The world class JW Marriott Grand Rapids today announced its new signature restaurant, six.one.six, will open to the public Friday, Sept. 21 at 5:30 p.m. Inspired by the theme "eat local, feel global," six.one.six will offer a unique combination of globally influenced tastes and regional favorites created from local, home-grown produce.

Known for his matchless cuisine, Executive Chef John State will incorporate market fresh ingredients from area farmers into the restaurant's seasonal and regularly rotating menus. Six.one.six will also feature interactive dining in its "Chef's Lab." With seating for up to 13 centered around a brick oven, guests may enjoy live culinary performances and participate in the preparation of desserts and brick oven-fired flat breads.

According to Chef State, the taste of fresh ingredients makes all the difference. "It's the presence of pure ingredients during the meal that really makes a dish stand out. From freshly cut vegetables to primly prepared meat, the taste will be nothing short of amazing."

Chef John's signature menu selections include:

§ Potato wrapped snapper, creamy leek fondue, red wine sauce, fleur de sel and chives

§ JW spice-rubbed New York strip steak with fingerling potatoes, blue lake green beans and sauce foyot

§ Pumpkin lasagna with brown-butter vinaigrette, spinach, dried cranberries and pumpkin seed pesto

§ Warm chocolate lava cake with molten chocolate center and sweet anise gelato

Six.one.six will be open daily for breakfast from 6:30 to 11 a.m.; lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Also opening on Sept. 21, guests may also choose to dine in the JW Marriott's chic destination lounge, Mixology, located in the Great Room on the main floor of the hotel's 23-level, open-air atrium. The trendsetting establishment boasts a two-sided fireplace, panoramic views of the Grand River and a menu comprised of classic cocktails mixed with fresh juices and special fare that may be prepared in five, 10 or 20 minutes.

Both six.one.six and Mixology offer reasonable pricing, free validated parking and a smoke-free environment.

The JW Marriott Grand Rapids will celebrate its grand opening Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007. A private dedication featuring Marriott International Chairman and CEO Bill Marriott and Rich DeVos will be followed by a reception and guided tours of the new hotel. Friday, Sept. 21, the hotel will officially open its doors to the public.

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About Amway Hotel Corp. Amway Hotel Corp. owns two hotel properties: the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, and the new JW Marriott Grand Rapids. The corporation operates a third hotel property in downtown Grand Rapids, Mich., the Downtown Courtyard by Marriott. Amway Hotel Corp. is a subsidiary of Alticor Inc.

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