

## **The Westin River North Debuts 320 RiverBar**

*The Brand-new Patio restaurant offers an Inviting Atmosphere and Stunning Views of the Chicago River*

**Chicago, Ill. – June 17, 2016** –The Westin Chicago River North today announced the opening of 320 RiverBar – the restaurant’s brand- new patio bar and restaurant. Boasting a sleek décor, an inviting atmosphere and dramatic views of the Chicago River, 320 RiverBar is the perfect spot for guests to gather after a day of meetings or sightseeing. The restaurant’s debut follows a comprehensive renovation to the hotel last year as part of the Westin brand’s ongoing efforts to refresh its global portfolio.

“We are delighted to welcome guests and local residents to 320 RiverBar, a terrific new option for cocktails, lighter fare and an enticing gastropub menu right in the heart of Chicago’s bustling River North neighborhood,” said Brent Menzel, General Manager. “At the end of a busy day, 320 RiverBar will offer patrons the chance to revitalize, relax and enjoy the company of friends and colleagues, just steps from The Chicago River.”

Chef Chris Rolewicz brings to 320 RiverBar a passion for seasonal and sustainable cuisine. A graduate of The Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago Le Cordon Bleu, Chris was Executive Sous Chef at The Westin Bellevue in the Seattle area where he ran award winning Cypress Lounge and Wine Bar prior to coming to The Westin Chicago River North. Under his direction, 320 RiverBar features approachable modern bar food that is balanced to appeal to all senses and has something for everybody from lighter superfood salads to the 320 Angus Burger with 320 secret sauce or shared plates like suspended tempura shrimp sticks with lemongrass aioli. On the sweeter side, 320 RiverBar offers inventive desserts like fresh Hawaiian donuts, blackberry-rhubarb upside down cake, and a salted caramel milkshake. The latter can even be ordered with a shot of Wild Turkey whiskey for those who prefer to have their drink and dessert in one.

320 RiverBar offers a variety of outdoor seating and games to enjoy around the fire pit, fun art pieces, and a perfect view of the Chicago River. In addition, artwork by Chicago native “ZORE” Mario Gonzalez Jr. lends a distinctive urban flair to 320 RiverBar, including a number of unique graffiti art pieces. Happy Hour kicks off at 3:20pm every day and goes till 6:20 PM and highlights drinks from \$3.20.

Operated by Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (NYSE: HOT), The Westin Chicago River North offers 429 guest rooms and suites, more than 30,000 square feet of flexible meeting space and two additional food and beverage outlets: 320 RESTAURANT AND BAR and Kamehachi Sushi Bar.- The hotel is a short stroll from the upscale boutiques along Chicago’s Magnificent Mile, Chicago Theater, the Civic Opera House and a variety of world-class restaurants, night clubs and bars. Nearby attractions including Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Art Institute of Chicago and Wrigley Field – home of the legendary Chicago Cubs baseball team.

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