ACCLAIMED CELEBRITY CHEF/ENTREPRENEUR CHEF DAVID BURKE WILL OPEN TWO NEW VENUES AT THE GARDEN CITY HOTEL

Garden City, New York- Spring 2018-The Garden City Hotel, celebrating its 145th year as Long Island's preeminent luxury lodging and event venue this spring, has joined with esteemed Chef David Burke to reboot its entire food and beverage enterprise.

The Hotel will feature two new Burke restaurants – **KING BAR** by David Burke and **RED SALT ROOM** by David Burke both beautifully restyled spaces within the hotel's lobby level and the renowned Garden City Hotel Catering will be further bolstered by the significantly creative culinary direction Chef Burke will orchestrate.

Later this spring Chef Burke will be re-launching the hotel's Patio Bar with his unique spin on Tapas and craft libations. Hotel guests will also be able to enjoy his cuisine in the comfort of their guest rooms or suites by way of room service.

David Burke, who has helmed some of New York City's top restaurants over the span of his 35-year career, which also includes appearances on "Top Chef Masters" and induction into the James Beard Foundation's Who's Who of Food and Beverage in America, will open King Bar – which will feature "New American" all day dining and transition into evening with delightful shareable plates in an upscale lounge setting.

The Red Salt Room will feature a full menu showcasing Chef Burke's whimsical approach to regional and seasonal dishes.

Hotel catering, including <u>The Garden City Hotel</u> Events (off-premise catering) will have a complete David Burke culinary makeover.

David Burke stated, "This is a very special Hotel and I have exciting ideas to create a truly amazing culinary program there. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with [Executive Chef] <u>Ari Nieminen</u> again. We previously worked together at The River Café and our chemistry will translate to a truly remarkable dining experience."

"David's immediate energy and enthusiasm about The Garden City Hotel was evident from our very first discussion about a potential partnership. After my first call he came out the very next morning and it wasn't long before we were shaking hands on the plans for something very unique. He is unquestionably the most inventive and passionate American chef in my opinion," stated the Hotel's General Manager, J. Grady Colin.

Executive Chef Ari Nieminen said, "David and I worked together years ago at the famed River Café amongst some of the most talented and progressive American **c**hefs of the time. His unique take on cuisine and his intense commitment to creating new classics and reimagining American favorites has kept me inspired and following his work since our humble beginnings. It's a real treat to have David in our kitchens. I'm quite certain we will be setting the high bar mark for Long Island dining".

The Garden City Hotel will continue to serve Saturday Afternoon Tea and the best in class Sunday Brunch, both in David Burke fashion, including many of his signature dishes

such as Angry Lobster, Burke's Dumplings, Clothesline Candied Bacon, and Cheesecake Lollypops and much more.

The restaurants are slated to open mid spring 2018. For further information, contact <u>SFingerman@achotel.com</u> or call <u>516.877.9412</u>.

About Chef David Burke: A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Chef David Burke's 35-year career is decorated with honors that pay homage to his respected culinary skill, creative whimsy, and philanthropic efforts, including appearances on Bravo's Top Chef Masters, and receiving a US patent for his pink Himalayan salt dry-age technique for steaks. Chef Burke was recently rumored to be under consideration for the post of White House Executive Chef but has stated that he would likely not be interested in the position. For more information about Chef Burke, visit http://www.chefdavidburke.com/

About The Garden City Hotel:

The iconic AAA Four Diamond-hotel, a member of Preferred Hotels and Resorts' LVX Collection, was acquired by the Manhattan-based Fortuna Realty Group in 2012 and features 269 guest rooms including 16 suites. With more than 30,000 square feet of versatile event and meeting space, including the legendary Grand Ballroom, The Garden City Hotel is the premier choice for Long Island meetings and special events, and known for its world-class service. The Garden City Hotel also includes The Red Door Spa located on the lower level, for more information, visit http://www.gardencityhotel.com