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## INTERCONTINENTAL SAN DIEGO CONVENES TWO OF THE CITY'S MOST REPUTABLE CULINARIANS TO SPEARHEAD F&B EFFORTS AT FORTHCOMING HOTEL

Local Industry Veterans, Paul McCabe and Amy DiBiase, Join Forces Ahead of September 2018 Opening



**SAN DIEGO, Calif. (June 21, 2018)** – <u>InterContinental San Diego</u> is pleased to announce the addition of Chef Paul McCabe and Chef Amy DiBiase as the culinary leaders at the highly anticipated hotel, opening September 2018. Merging together their respective industry expertise, culinary flairs, and loyal followings, the power duo will collaborate on a signature restaurant concept and solidify InterContinental San Diego as downtown's newest culinary hotspot. Each with gleaming views overlooking the bayfront, five distinctive dining venues will include the soon-to-be-announced signature restaurant, the first-ever California location of Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse, 19<sup>th</sup> floor rooftop bar, 4<sup>th</sup> floor pool bar, and café. Reconnected after briefly working together in years past, McCabe and DiBiase have a history of camaraderie and stirring up exciting new ventures.

In addition to helping shape the signature restaurant, Chef Paul McCabe will oversee the hotel's comprehensive food and beverage program, including banquets serving 95,000 square feet of event space. A seasoned industry veteran with over 30 years of experience and training in Californian, Mediterranean, Southwestern and Pacific Rim cuisines, McCabe was previously with Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego, Royal Palms Resort and Spa in Arizona, and is most known for his instrumental role in putting L'Auberge Del Mar's KITCHEN 1540 on the map. McCabe has garnered esteemed industry awards and recognition over the years, including being named as a "rising star of American cuisine" by the James Beard Foundation.

San Diego celebrity chef, Amy DiBiase, will manage all aspects of the hotel's signature restaurant, 4<sup>th</sup> floor pool bar, and in-room dining. DiBiase brings over a decade of San Diego-specific experience to her new role, following her most recent stint with Grand Restaurant Group and the opening of Tidal at Paradise Resort & Spa, which won numerous awards as

San Diego's best new restaurant in 2014. In the kitchen, DiBiase is known for putting a California twist on Italian and French cuisine and plans to bring a fresh take on some of her signature dishes.

InterContinental San Diego's signature restaurant and bar will be located on the hotel's 3<sup>rd</sup> floor – adjacent to the lobby – and will overlook the nearby USS Midway and San Diego Bay. The outdoor pool bar will command the 4<sup>th</sup> floor openair deck with unaltered views of the waterfront. Both venues will debut upon the hotel's official opening in September 2018 with further concepting details to be revealed later this summer. The ground-level Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse will serve up bold and delicious cuisine alongside an extensive award-winning wine list upon opening in the later part of 2018. The hotel's café and 19<sup>th</sup> floor rooftop bar are expected to open in early 2019 with further details to be divulged in the coming months.

For more information on the future InterContinental San Diego, visit <u>www.intercontinentalsandiego.com</u>.