

Appointments & Promotions

The Oitavos, Portugal Makes Two Appointments

Stephen Roughley and Aimé Barroyer Appointed Respectively as GM and Exec Chef

March 29, 2010 - The Oitavos, a new five-star luxury hotel and spa in Portugal is pleased to announce the appointment of Stephen Roughley in the role of General Manager. The hotel, located just 20 minutes from Lisbon overlooking the West Atlantic coastline will be the first luxury hotel developed on the Quinta da Marinha Original estate and will launch summer 2010.

Mr. Roughley joins The Oitavos from the JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort and Spa where he was Director of Operations for eight years. During his time at the hotel he was responsible for the 538 room luxury resort including a 40,000 square foot spa, 13 food and beverage outlets and the introduction of five-star standards throughout. With 27 years of experience in the hospitality industry Mr. Roughley has previously worked in food & beverage and management positions at the Calgary Marriott, The Four Seasons Resort Nevis, The Sheraton Key Largo and The Delta Bow Valley Hotel.

Commenting on his new role Mr Roughley said, "I am delighted to be given the chance to run a brand new hotel and look forward to moving to Portugal to embark on this amazing opportunity. The hotel has everything going for it – close proximity to Lisbon, stunning grounds and breathtaking views. Set within the Quinta da Marinha Original estate our guests are guaranteed an intimate and intensely private holiday location. I look forward to setting new standards in terms of luxury."

Luis Silverio, CEO of Quinta da Marinha Original commented "We are thrilled Stephen is going to be General Manager of our new hotel. He is well respected in the industry and has had a very successful career. The Oitavos is a luxury hotel at the pinnacle of contemporary design and innovation, offering a modern outlook of Portugal yet rooted in Portuguese heritage. With Stephen's experience we look forward to setting a number of firsts on the Lisbon coast."

Also, The Oitavos has appointed Aimé Barroyer as Executive Chef to head up its food and beverage operations.

Chef Barroyer joins The Oitavos from the Valle Flôr restaurant in Lisbon, located in one of the 'Leading Hotels of the World', where he was the Executive Chef for 9 years. With over 20 years of experience in the industry, Chef Barroyer has previously worked for the Orient Express Company at the Hotel Quinta do Lago, on Portugal's Algarve coast. Other experience includes four years at The Ritz Hotel in Paris; nine years in the US at L'Ermitage Restaurant in Los Angeles and the Bouley Restaurant in New York; four years with Paul Bocuse in Lyon; and three years at the Tour D'Argent in Paris. Mr. Barroyer is a fluent Portuguese, English and Spanish speaker.

Commenting on his decision to join The Oitavos, Barroyer says: "I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to run the food and beverage operations at the new Oitavos hotel. A vital ingredient to the success of The Oitavos will be creating an acclaimed restaurant loved by hotel guests and locals alike. My team will be serving authentic Portuguese cuisine with a modern twist".

Luis Silverio, CEO of Quinta da Marinha Original commented "We are delighted to welcome Aimé Barroyer. With a wealth of experience in Portugal, France and the US, he is the ideal person to be heading up the culinary team at The Oitavos".

The Oitavos will offer four different dining options for both hotel guests and local visitors:

- Ipsylon Gourmet, offering guests a gastronomic experience with an open kitchen. Seafood and fish will be at the heart of the menu, given The Oitavos' excellent location on the Atlantic coastline
- Ipsylon Lounge, serving simple and light Portuguese dishes throughout the day
- Les Herbes breakfast restaurant, located on the below ground level, will serve a breakfast buffet between 7am and 11am
- The Atlantico Pool Bar will serve light meals and drinks for guests at the swimming pool

With 142 spacious guest rooms, including 14 deluxe suites, one superior and one premium suite, The Oitavos is a contemporary hotel which embraces rather than competes with its natural surroundings. Set amongst sand dunes and pine trees its bold design, sleek lines and elegantly simple interiors focus attention outwards. Offering numerous dining experiences, a full service destination spa and conference facilities The Oitavos will be the ultimate destination hotel for both leisure and business travellers. Set within the Quinta da Marinha Original estate, the exceptional sporting resort boasts a leading equestrian centre, health and racket club and the Oitavos Dunes golf course, one of the world's top 100 golf courses.