



THE CULINARY TEAM AT MARRIOTT SYRACUSE DOWNTOWN: AWARD-WINNING TALENT AND A STRONG LOCAL FOCUS

Director of Food and Beverage Chuck Anthony, Executive Chef Tom Kiernan, and Sous Executive Chef Cody Dedischew lead the culinary team at Marriott Syracuse Downtown. Together, they are responsible for a local-focused dining program at Eleven Waters, the hotel's signature Finger Lakes bistro; Cavalier Room, the inviting lobby lounge; and in-room dining.

Chuck Anthony, Director of Food and Beverage



Chuck Anthony joined the pre-opening team for Marriott Syracuse Downtown in October 2015. Bringing more than a decade of experience to his position, he is responsible for directing and organizing all activities within the food and beverage department, focusing on quality, service and merchandising.

Most recently, Anthony served as food and beverage manager of Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona, New York. He has opened and operated independent restaurants in and around Central New York, including Bull & Bear Roadhouse in Liverpool, where, as general manager, he coordinated the opening and programming of the popular downtown Syracuse restaurant's expansion. In addition to experience in operations, Anthony is well-versed in restaurant concept development, project management, local procurement, marketing, branding and strategic positioning, and beverage programming.

Thomas Kiernan, CEC, Executive Chef



Executive Chef Thomas Kiernan's role at Marriott Syracuse Downtown, where he has served as executive chef since 2015, continues a decade-long commitment to sustainable sourcing. Working with Central New York farmers, producers and processors is a significant aspect of his kitchen philosophy.

Kiernan's experience is varied and extensive, spanning kitchens in New York City, the Boston waterfront and the Caribbean. In 2015, his talents were showcased at the James Beard House's famed Empire State Feast, where he participated as a guest chef, and that same year he was named Chef of the Year by the Syracuse chapter of the American Culinary Federation. Kiernan is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America.

Cody Dedischew, Executive Sous Chef

Joining Marriott Syracuse Downtown in May 2016, Cody Dedischew was instrumental in the creation of Eleven Waters' local fare menu. His efforts quickly caught the attention of the American Culinary Federation's Syracuse chapter, earning him the title Aspiring Chef of the Year in March 2017. The award

recognizes an up-and-coming local chef who demonstrates skill, professionalism and dedication to the culinary arts.

Dedischew served as executive chef of the Crowne Plaza Syracuse for a year before joining Marriott Syracuse Downtown. Before that, he was sous chef at Wilora Lake Lodge in Charlotte, N.C. A 2012 graduate of Johnson & Wales University, he launched his culinary career as a line cook at Hotel Laguna in Laguna Beach, Calif.

About Marriott Syracuse Downtown

Located in one of the area's most historic buildings, the new 261-room Marriott Syracuse Downtown opened in fall 2016 after a major renovation to restore the hotel to its original glory. Conveniently situated just minutes from all that downtown Syracuse has to offer, from its many businesses to numerous entertainment venues and cultural sites, the hotel is an ideal destination for business and leisure travelers alike. The hotel's stylish interiors combine history and modernity – with original features dating back to 1924 and new furnishings designed by local Stickley furniture. In addition to the hotel's restaurant, Eleven Waters, and its casual gathering spot, The Cavalier Room, Marriott Syracuse Downtown offers a choice of 23 event rooms that include expansive, state-of-the-art meeting venues and facilities for up to 1,330 guests. All main floor meeting rooms, as well as the Finger Lakes Ballroom, meet the discerning standards of International Association of Conference Centers (IACC). The hotel is located at 100 E. Onondaga Street and is managed by Crescent Hotels & Resorts. For more information, call (315) 474-2424 or visit marriottsyracusedowntown.com.

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