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### **François Gagnon appointed Executive Chef of CinCin**

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Vancouver, BC - François Gagnon has been named the Executive Chef of Vancouver's venerable CinCin Ristorante. A seasoned professional hailing from top restaurants throughout Quebec, France and Vancouver, Gagnon brings over 15 years of professional cooking experience to the helm of CinCin's wood-fired kitchen.

Following his graduation from Quebec's distinguished Centre Integer en Alimentation et Tourisme (CIAT) program in Culinary Arts, Gagnon trained under world-renowned chefs in France, including Roger Verger at the acclaimed Relais & Château property Le Moulin de Mougins and Joel Garault at Monte Carlo's Hotel l'Hermitage.

"Working in the South of France, especially with Chef Verger, inspired much of the way I cook today," says Gagnon. "Simplicity is the hallmark of genius. Fresh ingredients should speak for themselves in order to allow natural flavours to stand out on the plate."

In Vancouver, Gagnon worked at Lumiere before joining Executive Chef Frank Pabst at CinCin's celebrated sister restaurant Blue Water Cafe in 2003 as Executive Sous Chef. There, he applied his appreciation for regional seafood and devotion to local and sustainable harvest. During his tenure, Gagnon was a key factor in establishing the restaurant as one of Vancouver's finest. Complimented by CinCin's award-winning wine collection directed by Michael Mameli, Gagnon's menu will blend New World sensibilities with treasured Old World traditions.

Together with revered Chef Pâtissier Thierry Busset and Restaurant Director Edwyn Kumar, Gagnon is poised to propel CinCin's success to greater heights. "It's a journey, not a destination," says Gagnon. "Everything is constantly changing and evolving - products, methods, technologies - so we continue to push until we reach that next level."

*Located in the heart of Robson's fashionable shopping district, CinCin presents Mediterranean inspired dishes from the heritage wood-fired kitchen. Outstanding desserts demonstrate the Michelin star-studded pedigree of acclaimed Chef Patissier Thierry Buset. Dinner served nightly from 5pm until 11pm and late menu until midnight . For reservations call 604.688.7338 or visit [www.cincin.net](http://www.cincin.net). Valet nightly.*

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