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WARREN GERAGHTY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE CHEF AT WEST

Vancouver, BC - January 8, 2008 - Warren Geraghty, one of London's celebrated chefs, will make his Vancouver debut as the Executive Chef of South Granville's internationally-acclaimed *West* restaurant.

Following an extensive search to replace departing chef David Hawksworth, proprietor Jack Evrensel is pleased to welcome Geraghty to Vancouver. "Warren is passionate and very talented," says Evrensel. "I have rarely experienced his level of complexity and harmony on a plate with such clear and vibrant flavors."

Geraghty joins *West* with a distinguished resume spanning one, two and three star Michelin establishments, including his most recent appointment as Executive Chef at Marco Pierre White's illustrious *L'Escargot* restaurant in Soho.

Prior to *L'Escargot*, Geraghty manned the stoves at other prestigious spots in London including *Aurora*, *The Orrery*, *Chez Nico* and *Pied à Terre*. In Cannes, he worked alongside master chef Richard Neat as Head Chef of *Restaurant Neat*, where during his tenure, the London Evening Standard noted that he was "instrumental in obtaining the Michelin star."

At *West*, Geraghty will collaborate with Restaurant Director Brian Hopkins to lead the all-star team, including Pastry Chef Rhonda Viani and Executive Sous Chef Stéphanie Noël in the kitchen, along with Wine Director Owen Knowlton and Bar Manager David Wolowidnyk in the front of house.

Geraghty's highly anticipated arrival is scheduled for early February. In the meantime, *West's* talented Executive Sous Chef Stéphanie Noël will act as Executive Chef, leading the brigade to maintain the exceptional standards that the restaurant is renowned for.

Superb dishes showcasing modern interpretations of classic combinations are offered at Vancouver's perennial 'Restaurant of the Year'. Martinis and cocktails are pressed to order by 'Canada's best mixologist' David Wolowidnyk, and the highly awarded wine collection is housed in a magnificent, temperature-controlled wall of wine. 2881 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC. 604.738.8938. Valet nightly. westrestaurant.com

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