



THE LANGHAM
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“AIR, FIRE, WATER & EARTH”
*Elements of Nature Interpreted Using Chocolate for Season 19 of
The Langham, Boston’s Famous Chocolate Bar*

BOSTON; August 15, 2007 – “Air, Fire, Water & Earth: The Elements of Nature” will be in full display when The Langham, Boston’s famous Chocolate Bar re-opens on Saturday, September 8th. For the Chocolate Bar’s 19th season, Executive Pastry Chef Alejandro Luna offers his interpretation of chocolate and the elements.

More than 125 chocolate desserts comprise the menu at the weekly Chocolate Bar. This year, desserts will be divided amongst four stations to reflect the four elements of nature. These include:

- **Air:** Items such as *cotton candy* and *warm donuts* will be surrounded by dry ice and the aroma of *chocolate chip cookies* being freshly baked on premises. *Tiramisu*, “*pop rocks*,” and a *chocolate crispy coconut cream* tart fill out this category of whipped and airy desserts.
- **Fire:** Surrounding a tablescape of votive candles, hurricane lamps and a faux silk flame machine, guests will load up china in hues of red, orange and yellow with hot desserts such as *chocolate spring rolls*, *white chocolate fried risotto balls*, *chocolate “buñuelos,” chocolate strawberry brioche paninis* and a *design-your-own crepe station*.
- **Water:** A running water feature will be the highlight of this station, offering *dark, white and wicked chocolate soup*, a “*dunk-your-own*” *chocolate fountain with treats such as pretzel sticks, marshmallows, mini waffles, fresh fruit and rice krispies treats, white chocolate lemon crème caramel, white chocolate trifle* and *white chocolate “babas.”*
- **Earth:** Natural wood, granite and marble will serve as the setting for treats based on nuts and fruits. This station will also highlight different percentages and types of chocolates, including single origin and varietals. Desserts to

include: *dark chocolate and orange crème brulee, black forest, white chocolate cheesecake, hazelnut daquoise, and chocolate passion crunch torte*. Also available new this year will be an ice cream station where guests can select their own mash-ins to be combined on a piece of marble from the depths of the earth!

A modernized setting, this year's Chocolate Bar includes sleek tables featuring a gold base topped with tables reminiscent of copper pennies. "Our goal with this year's theme is to highlight our respect for Mother Nature and all that she provides," said Alejandro Luna. "Fine chocolate, such as the El Rey we use in all of our desserts, is a natural ingredient that lends itself to interpretation in many ways. In light of Café Fleuri being certified green, we felt this was a particularly appropriate and timely theme for the 19th Annual Chocolate Bar."

Also back this year is the Chocolate Fusion Menu, offering savory dishes such as *Shrimp, Sweet Garlic and Fennel in Cocoa Butter* and *Chocolate Goat Cheese Sandwiches*. Chocolate drinks and cocktails, from milkshakes to martinis, will also be available from the a la carte menu.

The Chocolate Bar will be welcomed back this year with a special recipe contest, with the winning dessert joining the line-up for the 19th Chocolate Bar. Entries are accepted until September 22, with the winner being announced at the October 6 **Chocolate Idol Day**. Other special seasonal Chocolate Bars include **Boofet** on October 27, featuring a haunted house, costumed servers and a "Best Costume" contest, and the **Chocolate Bar with Santa**. Held every Saturday during the month of December, this holiday tradition offers a decadent buffet of holiday desserts, entertainment for children and photos with Santa. Please call for pricing for special events.

Chocolate Bar at The Langham, Boston opens on September 8, 2007, and runs every Saturday from Noon – 3:00 p.m. through June 28, 2008. The cost is \$35.00 for adults, \$17.50 for children 5-12 and free for children under 4 years of age. For reservations, contact Café Fleuri at 617-956-8751 or 617-451-1900 or visit opentable.com.

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About The Langham, Boston

This elegant property, once the Federal Reserve Bank, is a national architectural landmark. An ideal downtown location, the Hotel offers a unique blend of historic charm and urban sophistication next to the finest shopping and attractions including: Faneuil Hall, Boston Common, the Freedom Trail, the Theater District and the waterfront. The Hotel's award-winning restaurant, Café Fleuri, is a brasserie-style restaurant that serves Mediterranean cuisine under a lofty glass atrium ceiling. The Hotel is a member of *The Leading Hotels of the World* and has won AAA's Four-Diamond award.

For information on The Langham, Boston, please visit: <http://boston.langhamhotels.com>.
The Langham, Boston, Café Fleuri, 250 Franklin Street, Boston, MA

About Langham

Langham has a legendary hotel heritage dating back to 1865 when The Langham, London originally opened as Europe's first Grand Hotel. For over 140 years, this flagship hotel has been at the forefront of sophisticated and gracious hospitality. Today, all Langham Hotels worldwide inherit the same philosophy that reflects elegance in design, innovation in hospitality, genuine service and captivation of the senses creating a truly unique hotel experience.

Langham Hotels International (LHI) features six properties with over 2,700 rooms in five gateway cities across the four continents, namely, London, Boston, Hong Kong (2), Melbourne and Auckland. In each city Langham Hotels is associated with the prestigious "The Leading Hotels of the World" group which represents some of the world's finest luxury hotels.

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