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ORIENTE CHEF'S TABLE DEBUTS AT COSTA D'ESTE BEACH RESORT

VERO BEACH, Fla., December 3, 2008 – Oriente, the signature Cuban-fusion restaurant at Costa d'Este Beach Resort in Vero Beach, has introduced Chef's Table dinners. The restaurant and resort are owned by the internationally acclaimed singer/producer couple Gloria and Emilio Estefan.

Priced at \$125 per person, the Chef's Table is a six-course, table d'hôte menu paired with wine, all under the watchful eye of Oriente's affable executive chef, David Rodriguez. The table is available Sunday through Thursday for a minimum of eight guests. Reservations are required.

Rodriguez graduated from the Culinary Institute of America and is a member of both the American Culinary Federation and prestigious *Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs*. Although a Cuban-American, he fine-tuned his Cuban culinary skills at the Estefan's popular South Beach hotspots prior to the opening of Oriente in June.

Named for Cuba's Oriente region, the restaurant features gourmet Cuban cuisine with overtones from Spain and Latin America. Resort guests, area visitors and locals are drawn to its fresh, local seafood, hand-selected meats and poultry, heirloom produce and regional ingredients.

The menu's bold flavors and textures are mirrored in the 85-seat restaurant's décor, which includes a "peek-a-boo" window to the bustling kitchen, reinforced by teak wall panels, slate ledgerstone and patterned, woven fabrics the color of aged rum. The bar is laced with back-lit, hand-wrought ironwork and topped with a honed slab of concrete. Guests also relish dining poolside, where music, custom cocktails and candlelight create a sensual vibe.

Although the resort's signature Oriente Mojito, homemade sangria and Cuban coffee drinks are favorites with patrons, the restaurant's wine cellar is well stocked with South American, Spanish and Californian selections, as well as selected French, South African and Australian vintages.

Reservations for Chef's Table dinners can be made by calling 772-410-0100.

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