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AMSTEL HOTEL CATERING TEAM COMPLETE

The catering team of the *InterContinental Amstel Amsterdam* is complete. Following the appointment of Rog r Rassin, as from 1 May the new Chef de Cuisine of Michelin starred restaurant *La Rive*, the *Amstel Hotel* now welcomes Ronald Opten as its new Restaurant Manager. Opten comes from restaurant *De Vrienden van Jacob* on the country estate *Duin en Kruidberg*. Richard Matulesy, the current Executive Sous Chef of the *Amstel Hotel* has been promoted to the position of Executive Chef Hotel. They report to the recently appointed EAM in charge of Food and Beverage, Leon Dolle.

Hendrik Bosch, General Manager of the *Amstel Hotel*: "I am very happy with our new catering team. The passion and drive of Ronald Opten and the stability of Rog r Rassin provide a perfect match with the professional skills of sommelier Ted Bunnik. We have everything to make *La Rive* an even better restaurant than it is today. Richard Matulesy has the experience and dedication needed to successfully manage the F&B part of the hotel. The culinary future of the *Amstel Hotel* is looking extremely bright."

Ronald Opten has worked for the *Amstel Hotel* before. From 1997 to 1999, he worked as the Interim Manager Lounge / Bar & Brasserie. In 2007, when working as the M tre-sommelier at restaurant *De Vrienden van Jacob*, he was acclaimed as the Sommelier of the Year by the *GaultMillau* guide. Richard Matulesy joined the *Amstel Hotel* in 1992 as Prospective Chef de Partie. In November 2007, after several promotions, he was appointed Executive Sous Chef in charge of Brasserie, Lounge, Banqueting and Room Service.

Since its opening in 1867, the *InterContinental Amstel Amsterdam* has been widely regarded as the most prestigious hotel in the Netherlands. The hotel features in the book *The World's Best Hotels 2008*. Restaurant *La Rive* is ranked fourth in the Top 500 of the *Lekker Restaurant Guide 2008* and has been awarded best restaurant of Amsterdam and the province of North-Holland. For further information, please visit www.intercontinental.com/ams-amstel.

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