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## **Anthony Smith Takes Command of the Kitchens at Eldorado Hotel & Spa**

### **London-born, soccer-loving chef to oversee the award-winning Old House Restaurant and all F&B operations for Santa Fe's largest ballroom**

Santa Fe, NM – (November 18, 2009) – Anthony Smith, a London-born, soccer-loving chef will take command of the kitchens at [Eldorado Hotel & Spa](#) in Santa Fe. As executive chef Smith will oversee the kitchen of the [award-winning Old House restaurant](#); all food and beverage operations for 20,000-square-feet of meetings and function space, including Santa Fe's largest ballroom; room service for the 219-room hotel, and the kitchen for Eldorado Court.

"Chef Smith brings years of knowledge and passion for hotel gastronomy to Santa Fe," said Alfred Matter, managing director, Eldorado Hotel & Spa.

For the past two and half years, Smith served as the executive chef at The Westin Stonebriar Resort in North Dallas and oversaw the opening of The Sheraton Stonebriar. Here, Smith fused American and regional ingredients with Asian flavors. "We can't wait to see what Anthony does with our southwestern offerings," said Matter.

Smith has also served as executive chef at The Westin Park Central & Sheraton Park in Dallas, executive chef at The Westin Atlanta North in Atlanta and executive sous chef at The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa in Tucson, Arizona. Smith graduated from The City & Guilds of London with a degree in Culinary & Patisserie Arts and Hotel and Restaurant management.

A native of London, Smith is an avid fan of the Chelsea football club of the English Premier League and enjoys traveling, especially to Thailand for the "street food", wine and microbrews.

Eldorado Hotel & Spa is Santa Fe's premier AAA four-diamond luxury hotel, located next to the historic Santa Fe Plaza. All 219 lavish non-smoking guestrooms boast 32" flat-screen HD-compatible televisions, terry-cloth bathrobes; a workstation with task light, high-speed internet access; overstuffed lounging furniture paired with a reading lamp and tables; an in-room refrigerator, and optional turndown service. Deluxe rooms, in addition to offering more space, feature a wood-burning kiva fireplace and shared terrace. The 1,500 square foot Presidential Suite features a large master suite, a living room with a fireplace, dining room, and kitchen and as well as a 2,200 square foot penthouse patio offering panoramic views of Santa Fe. For dining, the Eldorado Hotel & Spa's award-winning, four-diamond The Old House restaurant serves up contemporary global cuisine with a regional flare. The Eldorado Court & Lounge offers a casual and comfortable environment for breakfast and lunch and is a perfect spot for evening drinks and entertainment. The hotel also features 20,000 square feet of meeting and function space, including Santa Fe's largest ballroom, a rooftop pool and whirlpool, and a business center. The 4,300 square-foot posh Nidah Spa offers seven treatment rooms and a bevy of relaxing and rejuvenating treatments using ingredients prepared fresh daily and drawing from the natural healing properties of plants, legumes and herbs indigenous to New Mexico. The hotel is a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts, the ultimate luxury collection featuring more than 150 exceptional hotels and resorts in the most desirable locations around the world. Santa Fe is known for its superb restaurants, southwestern shops and outstanding art galleries, which generate approximately \$200 million yearly, making it the third largest art seller in North America. [www.eldoradohotel.com](http://www.eldoradohotel.com), (800) 955-4455

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