Benchmark Appoints Jason W. Jonilonis Executive Chef for the Doug Pitcock '49 Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center

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<u>BENCHMARK®</u>, a global hospitality company, has named Jason W. Jonilonis executive chef for the <u>Pitcock '49 Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center</u>, a <u>Benchmark Resorts & Hotels</u> property located in College Station, Texas. Greg Stafford, general manager, made the announcement.

"I am very pleased to welcome Jason to our newly opened property," said Mr. Stafford. "He brings extensive culinary knowledge and gifts to his new position with us, in addition to strong leadership skills. He also brings to us a keen understanding of Benchmark's signature 'Be The Difference' service culture."

Jason Jonilonis comes to the Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center with over three decades of distinguished culinary and leadership experience. He was previously director of food and beverage for Benchmark's Stonewall Resort of Roanoke, West Virginia.

Mr. Jonilonis has exercised his entrepreneurial gifts by owning and operating a successful food and beverage consulting business, specializing in enhancing culinary quality. He has also served as special task force food and beverage director for Benchmark's Topnotch Resort in Stowe, Vermont. Earlier in his career he was director of food and beverage for Dollywood's DreamMore Resort & SpaTM, a Benchmark property located in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Jonilonis has served as executive chef for Casino Del Sol of Tucson, Arizona.

Jason Jonilonis has been a featured chef multiple times at the prestigious James Beard House in New York City. Many of the restaurants under his direction have received numerous awards of excellence, including Forbes Four Star and AAA Four Diamond ratings. He is relocating to the College Station area.

About Doug Pitcock '49 Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center

With a privileged location directly across from Kyle Field, the Doug Pitcock '49 Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center in College Station, Texas is a destination luxury property offering state-of-the-art conference facilities, signature brand amenities, welcoming accommodations, and gracious southern hospitality. Steeped in Texas A&M history, traditions and culture, the property has a powerful sense of place and is the ideal choice for business and leisure travelers seeking a one-of-a-kind authentic Aggieland experience. As the preferred hotel for Texas A&M University, the property offers 250 spacious guest rooms, including two penthouses and 11 suites, with sweeping views of the Texas A&M campus. Also featured on property is a rooftop pool overlooking Kyle Field; dining outlets committed to providing fresh, healthful, scratch prepared and locally-sourced dishes; a two-story bar and lounge with a terrace; and a full-service conference center with 35,000 square feet of meeting and event space. The Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center is the perfect place for scholarly explorations, meaningful celebrations, productive meetings, college visits and family

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