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**VICTORIA MARRIOTT INNER HARBOUR WELCOMES EXECUTIVE CHEF DAVID ROGER
HOME FROM SAUDI ARABIA**

Chef Roger provided a Taste of Canada to the newly launched Terrace Grill restaurant in the Riyadh Marriott

Toronto, ON (April 8, 2013) –The [Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour](#) is proud to welcome Executive Chef David Roger home after a three week stint at the [Riyadh Marriott](#) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia where he opened the hotel's new steakhouse, the Terrace Grill. The call went out across all Marriott Canada properties for a chef to launch the hotel's steakhouse restaurant and Chef Roger rose to the challenge. While in the Middle East, he mentored the Riyadh Marriott's kitchen crew and executed the restaurant's *Taste of Canada* festival, focused on bringing Canadian cuisine to the desert in association with the Canadian Embassy in Riyadh.

"Chef Roger's newfound recognition has elevated our reputation with his renowned cooking style and has demonstrated that Canadian fare is mouthwatering, delicious and gratefully appreciated in Riyadh," said Francis Mairet, General Manager, Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour. "This rare opportunity to share culinary delights in Saudi Arabia has proven once again that Chef Roger is a world-class chef and we are all very proud of his achievements," added the GM.

Thomas MacDonald, Canadian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony that launched the restaurant along with dignitaries from the United States, Europe and the Middle East. The Canadian Ambassador was so impressed with Roger's work that he wrote a letter of commendation to the Chef.

At home at Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour's [Fire & Water restaurant](#), Chef Roger continues to bring his craft to the forefront having been included in *enRoute's* annual best of Canada list. The prime rib, bathed in cognac brine and a secret spice rub for 24 hours, has been recognized as the best carnivorous indulgence on the island. His extensive knowledge of beef, specializing in rib and Angus cuts, makes Fire & Water a go-to destination when in Victoria.

ABOUT VICTORIA MARRIOTT INNER HARBOUR

The four-diamond Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, is nestled in Victoria's historic and charming downtown, just steps from world class attractions, venues and dining. With 236 elegantly appointed rooms and suites, 5,000 square feet of meeting and banquet space, and its signature restaurant Fire & Water, the hotel is an ideal location for all types of travellers. Since opening in 2004, the hotel has received numerous awards for its customer service and culinary excellence. For more information please visit www.marriottvictoria.com.

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