



IHOP® Restaurants Dials Up Evolution Of Current And Future Menus With Appointment Of Nevielle Panthaky As Vice President, Culinary

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Industry Veteran Brings Proven Success to the Breakfast Leader's Team

GLENDALE, Calif., Sept. 22, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, IHOP® restaurants named Nevielle Panthaky as Vice President, Culinary. In this role, he is responsible for directing the breakfast leader's culinary strategy and team, including a sharp focus on refining the signature food and beverage offerings synonymous with the IHOP brand, introducing exclusive promotional menus, and ensuring a robust gastronomic pipeline.



Panthaky joins the IHOP team with 15 years of diverse and extensive culinary experience at well-known casual dining brands, fast casual concepts and fine dining establishments. Most recently, he served as Vice President, Culinary for Wok Holding's P.F. Chang's Bistro and Pei Wei Asian Diner, where he oversaw culinary direction and menu execution. During his career, he also made a mark at establishments such as the iconic Hotel del Coronado in San Diego and Union Square Hospitality Group; was responsible for food and beverage innovation and branding at Panda Express; and served as Executive Chef at Milestones Grill and Swiss Chalet, part of CARA Operations.

Panthaky will report to Kirk Thompson, Senior Vice President of Marketing for IHOP and will be a key member of the IHOP leadership team.

"Nevielle's proven success in leading culinary teams for global franchised brands and at casual dining concepts brings a unique perspective to IHOP and his leadership ensures our menu remains inspired and contemporary," said Kirk Thompson. "He has the know-how and the creativity to build on the signature foods and beverages that are hallmarks of the IHOP brand, introduce distinctive limited-time breakfast dishes that excite guests, and propel our lunch and dinner menus forward to meet the changing tastes and needs of our guests."

Panthaky is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. He will assume his new role on September 26.

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For 58 years, IHOP has been a leader, innovator and expert in all things breakfast, any time of day. The chain offers 65 different signature, fresh, made-to-order breakfast options, a wide selection of popular lunch and dinner items as well as meals under 600 calories. IHOP restaurants offer guests an affordable, everyday dining experience with warm and friendly service. As of June 30, 2016, there were 1,685 IHOP restaurants in 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam as well as Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, The Philippines, and Panama. IHOP restaurants are franchised and operated by Glendale, Calif.-based DineEquity,

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