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Sale e Pepe earns 14th consecutive AAA Four Diamond designation

NAPLES, Fla. (Feb. 28, 2018) – For the 14th consecutive year, Sale e Pepe, the gourmet Italian restaurant overlooking the Gulf of Mexico at Marco Beach Ocean Resort, has earned the AAA Four Diamond restaurant designation. Sale e Pepe was the only restaurant on Marco Island receiving the prestigious rating and one of just two restaurants in Southwest Florida included in the travel club’s coveted program.

The award-winning Sale e Pepe has received the AAA Four Diamond rating since 2005. It represents the upper 2.1 percent echelon of the 31,000 AAA-approved restaurants annually reviewed by AAA’s inspectors.

As a Four Diamond restaurant, Sale e Pepe was honored for providing distinctive, creatively prepared cuisine, skillful service, and an upscale, distinguished ambience. The rating also recognizes the restaurant’s extensive wine offerings and its high degree of hospitality, service and attention to detail.

The AAA Diamond-rated designation is among the most well-known and respected distinctions in the global travel industry. It is the only rating system that uses full-time professionally trained inspectors to conduct anonymous in-person evaluations to ensure relevant and accurate information for its 58 million members.

Sale e Pepe also is the only Marco Island restaurant to receive the prestigious Best of Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator magazine – an honor it has earned for 12 consecutive years and ranking it among only 1,168 recipients worldwide.

Sale e Pepe has received TripAdvisor’s Certificate of Excellence for six consecutive years and was ranked No. 2 among Marco Island’s top restaurants on USA Today’s 10 Best Readers’ Choice Awards.

Located within the award-winning Marco Beach Ocean Resort, Sale e Pepe offers authentic, elegant Italian cuisine overlooking the Gulf of Mexico with alfresco dining on The Terrace, or elegant dining indoors, surrounded by magnificent Renaissance-inspired art and architecture. Executive Chef Antonio Minichiello – born and raised in the town of Avellino in southern Italy – works to create authentic and luxurious cuisine that pays homage to his Italian roots. Minichiello and his team use the freshest ingredients, complemented by South Florida’s fresh produce and seafood, to create a unique and memorable dining experience that embraces the culinary traditions of southern Italy in a unique and progressive style, from preparation to presentation.

Reservations are preferred at Sale e Pepe and can be made by calling 239-393-1600 or visiting sale-e-pepe.com.

Known for its intimate environment and personalized service, Marco Beach Ocean Resort is a 103 room, all-suite beachfront boutique resort. The suites feature a kitchenette, spacious living room and private balcony overlooking the Gulf of Mexico or lush garden terraces. The resort features a variety of dining options, from fine dining to beachfront casual; a full-service spa and fitness center; swimming pool; rooftop garden; and direct access to four miles of the island’s famed sugar-sand beaches. The resort’s location and amenities make it the perfect choice for vacations, destination weddings and executive business meetings.

Overlooking the sparkling blue waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Marco Beach Ocean Resort is a designated AAA Four Diamond resort for 16 consecutive years and was ranked No. 16 on the Travel + Leisure 2013 World’s Best Awards List of Top Resorts in the continental U.S. In 2015, the resort was recognized by Conde Nast Traveler as one of the top 25 resorts in Florida’s Gulf of Mexico and Central regions; was named among the top 400 hotels worldwide by Expedia+ members; and was inducted into the TripAdvisor Hall of Fame.

Developed by the Gulf Bay® Group of Companies, Marco Beach Ocean Resort is located at 480 South Collier Blvd. on Marco Island. Shopping, entertainment and dining are all within walking distance; golf, boating, fishing, kayaking and nature tours are nearby. For additional information or to make reservations, call 239-393-1400 or toll-free at 800-715-8517, or visit marcoresort.com.

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