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Located within Marco Beach Ocean Resort, Sale e Pepe features alfresco dining on The Terrace, overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

# Sale e Pepe receives 13th consecutive AAA Four Diamond designation

Sale e Pepe, a gourmet Italian restaurant overlooking the Gulf of Mexico at the Marco Beach Ocean Resort, has received the AAA Four Diamond restaurant designation for the 13th consecutive year.

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 fine dining, creatively prepared and skillfully served cuisine, and an upscale ambience. The rating also recognizes the restaurant's extensive wine offerings and its high degree of hospitality, service and attention to detail.

"We are once again thrilled to be recognized by AAA for our passion and commitment to creating an unparalleled dining experience," said Food and Beverage Director Pietro Bordignon. "It's rewarding to be recognized again at the Four Diamond level."

The AAA Diamond-rated designation is among the most well-known and respected distinctions in the global travel industry. It is the only system using full-

time professionally trained inspectors to conduct anonymous in-person evaluations to ensure relevant and accurate information for its 56 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 11 consecutive years. It is among only 1,093 Best of Award of Excellence recipients worldwide.

Sale e Pepe has also received TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence for five consecutive years and was recently 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 Alessio Selleri – born and raised in the town of Campi Salentina in Italy – works with his culinary team to create a menu reminiscent of his homeland. Selleri and his team use the freshest ingredients, complemented by South Florida's fresh produce and seafood, to create a dining experience that embraces the culinary traditions of southern Italy in a unique and progressive style, from preparation to presentation.