



**CHEF MARTIN WILDA APPOINTED
EXECUTVE CHEF OF STELLA SAN JAC**

(Austin, TX) – June 13, 2017 – Stella San Jac is pleased to announce the appointment of Martin Wilda as Executive Chef. Wilda brings over 15 years of culinary experience to Stella San Jac, and will be responsible overseeing all culinary operations and menu ideation at the downtown Austin favorite, located at The Westin Austin Downtown.

Wilda joins Stella San Jac following a stint as the executive chef of Sway, a highly regarded culinary destination in Austin. Prior to Sway, Wilda helped open the first US Radisson Blu hotel in Chicago as the Executive Sous Chef for nearly five years. He has also held leadership positions running high-volume, renowned restaurants throughout the country, such as the Café des Architects at the Sofitel Chicago Water Tower and Tablespoon in San Francisco.

Wilda comes from a deep background of intellectual expertise, earning his bachelor's degree in Finance from Valparaiso University, as well as a degree in Culinary Arts from the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, Vermont. Since then, Wilda has honed his passion and knowledge for culinary services throughout his career, focusing on fine dining, hotel restaurant management and high volume catering.

"We are thrilled to welcome Chef Martin," said Kristofer Carlson, General Manager of The Westin Austin Downtown. "He has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in everything he does, and he brings a high level of creativity and passion to the hotel; we are excited to have him join our team."

In addition to his role as Executive Chef at Stella San Jac, Wilda will be responsible for all culinary operations at The Westin Austin Downtown, including overseeing banquet operations, as well as running the hotel's signature rooftop pool bar & lounge, Azul, winner of Travel Agent Central's "World's Coolest Pool" award.

The Westin Austin Downtown is well known within the city of Austin for its culinary offerings, highlighted by the signature restaurant, Stella San Jac, and the rooftop pool & lounge, Azul. Stella San Jac, an Austin-American restaurant, invites locals and travelers alike to experience the warmth and character of Austin through a mix of genuine service, creative styling and an innovative food and cocktail program. The hotel's rooftop is home to the recently renovated Azul – the city's tallest hotel rooftop pool and bar – complete with luxurious cabanas, and 180 degree panoramic views of Austin and a brand new food and drink concept offering refreshing cocktails and sharable bites.

[About Westin Austin Downtown:](#)

This 366-room hotel is ideally located at the center of the 'Live Music Capitol of the World' - just steps away from three major entertainment districts in Austin. Each of the contemporary guest rooms features a signature Westin Heavenly Bed®, the soothing Heavenly Shower/Bath®, luxurious bath amenities, plush robes, workspace, flat-screen TV, and iHome docking station. Culinary destinations include the hotel's signature restaurant, Stella San Jac, and the city's tallest hotel rooftop pool and bar, Azul. The hotel opened its doors July 2015.

[Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

###