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**NO LONGER JUST FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS,
DESEO EXPANDS NUEVO LATINO EXPERIENCE FOR ANY NIGHT OF THE WEEK**
New Menu, Muddle Bar and Happy Hour Create Casual, Lively Atmosphere

SCOTTSDALE (MAY 8, 2006) — Wanting to break out of a “special occasion” niche, the Valley’s only authentic Nuevo Latino restaurant, Deseo, sprang into Spring with the launch of an expansive new menu, innovative Muddle Bar and happy hour. Cuban-born Chef Douglas Rodriguez, often referred to as the “Godfather of Nuevo Latino Cuisine,” sought to liven and loosen things up as was his original intention using his passion for implementing the culture and cuisine from his homeland.

The new menu greatly expanded its ceviche and appetizer offerings carries has created an inventive and diverse menu that features an expanded tapas menu and a wide-variety of South American and Cuban dishes. Every item on Deseo’s new menu celebrates the flavors of Rodriguez’s Latin heritage with uncompromised texture, passion and emotion.

“Since we opened in 2002, we have had this reputation as a special occasion restaurant, but that’s actually not who we are at all,” said Rodriguez. “Offering more of a grazing menu with a wide-variety of options, we have created a dining experience that is sure to please everyone in your party.”

Before indulging in Deseo’s new menu, guests can now take advantage of the exciting new happy hour. From 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily, diners can feast on a tantalizing selection of discounted plates ranging from \$4 to \$10 as well as half-off cocktails in the classically hip lounge or at “The Rail” where they can watch chefs expertly prepare refreshing ceviches from every seat.

Happy hour is a great time to try a cocktail from Deseo’s new Muddle Bar. Bartenders create beautiful concoctions by muddling or mashing the freshest of ingredients into a refreshing cocktail. Guests can craft their own muddled beverage by selecting from an array of fresh fruits, herbs, juices, syrups and spirits or choose to have one of Deseo’s custom creations.

Deseo serves dinner Monday through Sunday, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The Lounge is open for beverages and appetizers Monday through Friday, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 6:00 p.m. – 10 p.m. For reservations, please call 480-624-1015.

About The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa

The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa features 735 rooms with 63 suites and 32 casita units; 175,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor function space; eight food and beverage venues; a full-service spa and fitness studio; an elaborate water park; Westin Kids Club®; and the 27-hole Kierland Golf Club, which opened in 1996. As an added benefit, The Westin Kierland is adjacent to and a short walk from Kierland Commons, one of the hottest new shopping and dining districts in the Valley.

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