

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

THE RITZ-CARLTON, NAPLES, A FORBES five-star, AAA Five-Diamond beachfront resort on Southwest Florida's elegant Paradise Coast, offers 450 guest rooms, including 35 suites and 70 Ritz-Carlton Club rooms, nearly all providing exceptional views of the Gulf of Mexico. Guests looking for a more lavish stay can choose from two well-appointed 1,830-square-foot Presidential Suites, each with private balconies and Gulf of Mexico views.

Catering to guests' varied palates, the resort offers an array of innovative culinary experiences including, The Grill, Gumbo Limbo, The Sushi Bar, Bites, The Terrace, The Poolside Café, H2O Spa Café, and Gourmet Shop, offering everything from Caribbean and Italian cuisine to flavorful small tastes ("tapas") and beachfront dining.

The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Naples, a 51,000-square-foot wellness center, features more than 30 treatment rooms, a conservatory, outdoor mineral pool, and fitness center. The spa is the

perfect respite, after a stroll on the resort's 1,000 feet of pristine white sandy beach, a round of tennis on the property's four Har Tru clay courts, or a dip in one of two full-size swimming pools. In 2009, the resort introduced a new high-tech entertainment lounge called the vue or "virtual user experience," complete with popular interactive video games played via consoles hooked up to 40-inch LCD TVs.

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples makes it seamless for groups of all sizes to conduct business functions or special events, with more than 42,000 square feet of meeting/special event space that includes the two-story, 3,000-square-foot Gulf-front Beach House, as well as 20 conference/banquet rooms and the new 10,000-square-foot Vanderbilt Ballroom.

Located just three miles inland from its sister beach resort, The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples caters to golf lovers with 295 guest

rooms, including 35 suites and 51 Ritz-Carlton Club rooms, as well as two championship golf courses designed by Greg Norman. Guests of the resort have two restaurants to choose from, in addition to a gourmet coffee shop, bar and billiards room, and the comfortable Club-Level lounge, which offers balconies overlooking the Tiburón Golf Course's 18th hole.

Mr. Edward Staros assumed his role as Vice President and Managing Director for The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples in October 1999. This is his latest assignment in a distinguished 27-year career with The Ritz-Carlton brand.

The legendary Ritz-Carlton, Naples turns 25 years young on December 4, 2010, and in an effort to honor its loyal guests, community leaders and internal ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Staros and the resort will play host to a series of special events and celebrations, commencing Fall 2010. ●



Clockwise from the bottom left: Back of the resort – aerial view; Presidential Suite; Edward Staros; Cabana by the pool; Gumbo Limbo restaurant