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<u>VESPERA RESORT ON PISMO BEACH PROMOTES</u> ALEX AVILES TO EXECUTIVE CHEF

PISMO BEACH, Calif. – <u>Vespera Resort on Pismo Beach</u>, an Autograph Collection Hotel on California's Central Coast, is pleased to announce the appointment of Alex Aviles from sous chef to the position of executive chef for both its signature restaurant Pequín Coastal Cocina and for the resort.

Aviles will develop menus and oversee all culinary operations for Pequín Coastal Cocina, which features innovative Baja coastal cuisine. The all-day restaurant serves dishes using regionally inspired, market-fresh seaside, farm and ranch ingredients and presents wines and beers produced throughout San Luis Obispo County. Aviles will supervise the outdoor bar, poolside dining, in-room menus and dining, along with all culinary needs for meetings, events and weddings.

"We know how devoted Executive Chef Alex Aviles is to our outstanding culinary program," said David Morneau, general manager of the oceanfront resort. "His 10-year career in the hospitality industry is a proven record of his management prowess, ability to develop guest-focused menus and his exemplary mentorship and staff training skills."

Prior to joining Vespera Resort's culinary crew, Aviles worked as chef de cuisine at Collective Retreats in Wimberly, Texas, and served as a chef instructor at Orange County School of the Arts, in Santa Ana, Calif., for seven years. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in culinary management from the Art Institute of Orange County, Calif., in 2013.

About Vespera Resort on Pismo Beach

Vespera Resort on Pismo Beach, opened in late 2019, is an upscale beachfront resort on California's Central Coast located in Pismo Beach along the city's boardwalk and within walking distance to downtown Pismo Beach. The oceanfront resort offers 124 appointed guestrooms, most with private balconies overlooking the Pacific Ocean, and the hotel's signature restaurant, Pequín Coastal Cocina, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Vespera Resort can accommodate events including business meetings and weddings, and the resort has a state-of-the-art fitness facility, onsite pool and lawn with firepits overlooking the Pacific Ocean. More information can be found at www.vesperapismobeach.com, Instagram, and Facebook.