



Hotel Indigo Executive Chef Announcement Press Release

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HIGHGATE APPOINTS JENNA VAN LOON, EXECUTIVE CHEF OF HOTEL INDIGO® COACHELLA

Coachella Valley, California January 2019 – [Highgate](#) names Jenna van Loon, Executive Chef of [Hotel Indigo](#)'s sprawling 35-acre resort in Coachella Valley catering to the hugely popular music festivals and serving as a recreation attraction showcasing the east end of the desert into more of a year-round destination. Opening in 2019, the modern luxury resort features 244 casita-style guestrooms, a 10,000-square-foot chilled saltwater pool and a 10-acre entertainment playground area. Jenna joins Hotel Indigo, a chic "lifestyle" brand of United Kingdom-based [InterContinental Hotels Group](#), from her prior role as Executive Chef at Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel.

In her new capacity, Jenna van Loon will showcase her 12 year culinary experience and knowledge of food preparation and modern age cuisine. "I'm excited to be given the opportunity to open the resort with unique and innovative dishes capturing the desert's dynamic essence and authentic taste of the area's rich farmland using local ingredients



and produce.” says the newly appointed executive chef. ”I plan to offer our guests an unforgettable dining experience like no other with insanely delicious and Instagram-worthy creations one can only find at the resort,” she adds.

Jenna began her culinary career in 2007 working as an Expeditor, Kitchen Lead and Line Cook at Troon’s Indian Wells Golf Resort in Indian Wells, California. In 2009, she took a supervisor role in the food and beverage department of Discovery Land’s Hideaway Gold Resort in La Quinta, California. In 2012, she started working at Waldorf Astoria’s La Quinta Resort and Spa as Chef de Partie of Twenty6 American Bistro. A year after, she moved into the banquet side of the resort’s culinary operations as Banquet Sous Chef. She worked her way up to Banquet Chef in 2014, then Executive Sous Chef in 2015. In 2016, she landed the role as Executive Chef of Two Bunch Palms Resort in Desert Hot Spring, California. Two years after, she moved to Marriott Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel holding the same position.

Born and raised in Southern California, Jenna calls Coachella Valley home for nearly a decade and currently lives in Cathedral City with her husband Patrick and their 6-year old daughter, Grace. On her spare time, Jenna volunteers her culinary talents to many charity organizations, including The American Liver Foundation, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, American Cancer Society, Clinton Foundation, American Diabetes Association, and Soroptimist International of Palm Springs.

Jenna received an Associate Degree from The Culinary School at the Art Institute in San Bernardino, California and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from California State University in Sacramento, California. Jenna is a proud member of the WCR - Women Chefs & Restaurateurs.



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The resort, located at 48100 Van Buren Street, Coachella, California, is managed by Highgate Hotels, L.P. under a license agreement with InterContinental Hotels Group. The Hotel Indigo brand is part of IHG's diverse family of brands in nearly 100 countries and territories. The scale and diversity of the IHG family of brands means that its hotels can meet guests' needs whatever the occasion – whether an overnight getaway, a business trip, a family celebration or a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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