



## **Stephen Judge President**

Stephen Judge leads the team at Seasons 52, as President of the fresh grill and wine bar, and as a member of the Darden Operations Team. A veteran of the hospitality industry, Judge is responsible for the seven restaurants located in Florida and Georgia, as well as the development of new restaurants as the concept moves to its next phase of development.

Stephen has a reputation across the industry as a successful operator of high-end, innovative dining concepts in both luxury and high-growth hospitality venues. Throughout his career, he has introduced unique dining concepts to the hospitality industry with a focus on service excellence and culinary sophistication which serves as a perfect fit for Seasons 52.

Prior to joining Seasons 52 in March 2007, Judge served as Vice President of Food and Beverage for MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, one of the world's largest hotels. In this role, he was responsible for all culinary, banqueting, beverage and restaurant operations, and oversaw a multi-year evolution in the hotel's food and beverage offerings including 17 new restaurant and bar concepts. Under his leadership and direction, the MGM Grand earned numerous AAA Diamond awards for the quality of its restaurant operations (including one five-diamond, seven four-diamond and four three-diamond restaurants) as well as its first Mobil five-star distinction for the Joel Robuchon restaurant.

Before MGM, Judge was an executive with Rosewood Hotels and Resorts, where he led the food and beverage operations for the collection of ultra luxury Rosewood properties worldwide, including North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. He also spent 11 years in senior management roles leading the food and beverage operations for Princess Cruises and Premier Cruise Lines.

Judge became a professional chef in 1986 after completing his training and apprenticeship in the United Kingdom. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Hotel and Catering Management from Nottingham Trent University.

