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THE INN AT LITTLE WASHINGTON WINS 2 MICHELIN STARS

Washington, VA – (October 13, 2016) – The esteemed 116 year old, Paris-based Michelin Guide launched its first ever guide to Washington DC today including The Inn at Little Washington in Washington, Virginia. The legendary Inn was awarded two stars—one of only three restaurants in the DC area to earn this distinction—the highest rating in the Washington DC Guide.

Chef/Proprietor Patrick O'Connell responded: "This is a lifelong dream come true. When the Inn at Little Washington opened in 1978, we had no role models in America comparable to a Michelin-starred restaurant in the countryside. Every year we made gastronomic pilgrimages to the starred restaurants of Europe for inspiration and measured the gap between what they were doing and what we were doing here until one day our well-traveled guests told us there was no longer a gap. Michelin's acknowledgement is a wonderful affirmation for our team, as well as for the city of Washington DC, and America."

As defined by Michelin, a two-star award indicates "excellent cooking, worth a detour." Since announcing Washington, DC's inclusion in its guide in May, Michelin deployed anonymous inspectors throughout the city's restaurants to objectively assess the quality by applying five criteria, as defined by Michelin: product quality, preparation and flavors, the chef's personality as revealed through his or her cuisine, value for money, and consistency over time and across the entire menu. These fields of criteria are the same ones used to assess every restaurant in the international guides, which includes culinary destinations like New York, Paris, London and Tokyo.

About The Inn at Little Washington:

The Inn at Little Washington now in its 38th year is located in the quaint village of Washington, Virginia in the shadow of the Blue Ridge mountains, 67 miles west of the nation's capital. The Inn has been a culinary destination since it opened in a former garage in 1978. Among its many accolade The Inn has received five James Beard Awards including Best Restaurant in America and Best Chef in the US. It is the longest tenured Forbes 5 Star restaurant in America.

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