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### Calgary: Calgary Restaurants: And the winners are...

#### **We announce the winners of our first-ever Where to Dine Awards**

One of the biggest impressions a city can make on a visitor is its restaurants. So this year, for our first Where to Dine Awards, we went to the experts to create a panel of judges made up of industry leaders around the city—people who know the city well and have lots of experience wining and dining in Calgary.

Over a night of great food and drink, they deliberated, debated and decided this year's list of winners. Most important, was ensuring that each restaurant would create a memorable experience. We think you'll be happy with the results.

#### **BIRKS SILVER SPOON AWARD: [Rush](#)**

The members of Les Clefs d'Or ("The Golden Keys"), a prestigious international organization of hotel concierges, honoured a restaurant they felt consistently provided great service to hotel guests. Jill Marven, chef concierge at the Hyatt Regency Calgary and Clefs d'Or member, says they chose this year's recipient, Rush, because of their willingness to help out guests in a pinch. She also says the restaurant's ambiance played a factor: "Rush is a beautiful restaurant with many levels of dining: there is the lounge area where guests can enjoy a glass of their favourite wine, booths where they can have a lively group meal, the main dining room for more formality, the chef's table for more interaction with the kitchen, and of course their private dining room."

#### **THE PANELISTS**

Shannon Bowen-Smed, President and Chief Executive Officer of BOWEN Workforce Solutions

George Brookman, Chairman of the Board of Tourism Calgary

Marla Cohen, Director of Development of Ronald McDonald House Southern Alberta

Brigitte Fritz, General Manager of The Fairmont Palliser Hotel

Ken King, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Calgary Flames

Christopher T. Vachon, General Manager of the new Hôtel Le Germain Calgary

Alida Visbach, President and Chief Executive Officer of Heritage Park Historical Village

#### **MODERATOR**

[John Gilchrist](#), our contributing editor and local food critic

