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Hilton Charlotte Center City Announces the Kentucky Derby Bourbon Dinner

Celebrating the 141st running of the Kentucky Derby with a four-course dinner and bourbon tasting

CHARLOTTE, NC April 16, 2015 – Hilton Charlotte Center City and Coastal Kitchen announce Friday, May 1, 2015 as the date for the Kentucky Derby Bourbon Dinner to be held at Coastal Kitchen.

This four-course meal will celebrate the tastes and flavors of the Bluegrass State and include bourbon pairings with each course. The event's menu can be found at www.hiltoncentercity.com/events/kentucky-derby-bourbon-dinner.

This will be the first Derby themed dinner for Coastal Kitchen and the Hilton. Director of Food and Beverage, Clark Wade, planned the event and had the following to say about his inspiration, "I grew up in Kentucky and looked forward to the Kentucky Derby every year. The dinner will bring the flavors of Kentucky to Charlotte and combine them with the excitement of the Derby. This won't be your ordinary bourbon tasting or themed dinner. We have been working for months on perfecting the menu and lining up the right vendors and entertainment to make this event one that can become an annual celebration".

Coastal Kitchen has recently made some waves in the Charlotte food scene. On April 15, 2015, Coastal's submission for Taste of the Nation Charlotte was named Best Hot Food of the event. This award follows up Coastal's winning of the Best Cold Appetizer at the same event in 2014.

Reservations for the Kentucky Derby Bourbon Dinner can be made by calling the restaurant directly at (704) 331-4360 or by emailing restaurant manager, Ehron Banks, at ehron.banks@hiltoncentercity.com. Cost for the event is \$80 per attendee. Attendees must

be 21 years of age to attend. Coastal Kitchen and Hilton Charlotte Center City is currently hosting a photo contest through their Instagram account (@hiltonctrcty) to enter to win two seats at the Kentucky Derby Bourbon Dinner. Questions regarding the Instagram contest can be directed to Kari Hess, Social Media Coordinator, at kari.hess@hiltoncentercity.com.