



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **VANITAS REVEALS NEW-LOOK**

**QUEENSLAND January 19, 2016** – Vanitas, Palazzo Versace's signature restaurant reveals a new-look scheduled to launch this Valentine's Day – inviting guests to rekindle their love affair with the award-winning restaurant on the most romantic evening of the year.

The new-look is set to reinvigorate and elevate the senses of its guests through bespoke fine dining.

Heading up Vanitas' rejuvenation as Chef de Cuisine is Australian born Dayan Hartill-Law who defined his skills in the kitchens of 3 hatted restaurant Quay in Sydney and 2 Michelin Star restaurant Dinner by Heston Blumenthal at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in London.

Dayan brings his signature styles of whimsical techniques and often playful cooking to the table, focusing on a seasonal menu using the freshest quality local produce.

This exciting change also comes with a newly appointed Restaurant Manager Nigel McDowell who comes equipped with extensive experience on the Gold Coast dining scene, managing Moo Moo The Wine Bar & Grill and Rock Salt in Broadbeach.

Sommelier Megan Cox completes the new team with her wealth of wine knowledge gained from previous roles at Rockpool and Spice Temple in Sydney.

More information on Vanitas' new-look will be revealed in the coming weeks.

To apply for a media pass to the unveiling dinner on Monday evening February 29, 2016 please contact:

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### **About Palazzo Versace Gold Coast**

Palazzo – the definition of luxury, glamour and sophistication. In Milan, Italy, the Palazzo Versace is the home of Versace, one of the most legendary brands in the world. When it came to opening the first ever fashion hotel, there was only one possible name: Palazzo Versace.

Palazzo Versace Gold Coast is everything you would expect in a hotel from the world of Versace: a waterfront setting, spectacular architecture, Italian furnishings, extraordinary service and an ambience of pure glamour. It is the home to three award winning restaurants, a famed day spa, Fitness & Wellbeing Centre, private marina, Versace Boutique, meeting and event facilities and Australia's first Water Salon cabana experience.

Acclaimed as Australia's premier leisure destination, the Gold Coast is renowned for its glorious sub-tropical climate and cosmopolitan enjoyment of life. Nestled between the beautiful Pacific Ocean and



the sparkling Gold Coast Broadwater, the hotel offers an exclusive chance to be immersed in the opulent Versace lifestyle.

Palazzo Versace's selection of award-winning restaurants set the standard in cuisine and dining, from their signature restaurant, Vanitas, providing guests with an extraordinary gastronomic encounter, and Vie Bar + Restaurant showcasing contemporary flavours in a distinctive, stylish space overlooking the

Gold Coast Broadwater, to sophisticated casual dining in Il Barocco Restaurant famed for its lavish seafood buffet and classical dishes. In addition to the three acclaimed restaurants, Palazzo Versace also boasts two ultimately chic bars including Le Jardin, where you can try the latest seasons cocktail or relax with a tea or coffee and high tea within a beautiful setting.

Each of the 200 light-filled bedrooms and suites are crafted with bespoke Versace Home furnishings. Luxurious fabrics, colourful silks, floor-to-ceiling windows and a 'Juliet' balcony inviting the Gold Coast sunshine and azure skies to pour in. It is a place of pure indulgence, true glamour, ultimate relaxation and the very best that is possible in life.

## Palazzo Versace Recent Awards

### 2016 Awards

- **Best Luxury Hotel** Gold Coast Bulletin
- **Chef Hat – Vanitas** Australian Good Food Guide

### 2015 Awards

- **Australasia's Leading Hotel** World Travel Awards
- **Chef Hat – Vanitas** Australian Good Food Guide
- **The Most Fashionable Restaurant Around The World - Vanitas** by Harper's Bazaar

### 2014 Awards:

- **Best Luxury Day Spa in Australia & Oceania** at the *World Luxury Spa Awards*
- **Fifth Most Glamorous Pool in the World** by *TripAdvisor*
- **Certificate of Excellence** from *TripAdvisor*
- **2014 Best Hotel Reception Venue Queensland** at the *Australian Bridal Industry Academy Awards*
- **Top 5 Best Hotels on the Gold Coast** from *Wotif*

### 2013 Awards:

- **Top Places to Stay** in the *Condé Nast Traveller Gold List 2013*

### 2012 Awards:

- **Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the Top 15 Resorts in Australia and the Pacific** at the *2012 Condé Nast Traveller Reader's Choice Awards*
- **Certificate of Excellence** from *TripAdvisor*



**2011 Awards:**

- **Ranked 7th Best Resort, Oceania Region and 2nd Best Resort, Australia** at the *Condé Nast Traveller (USA) Reader's Choice Awards*
- **Best Luxury Hotel** at the *Australian Traveller Reader's Choice Awards*
- **Best Luxury Australian Hotel** at the *World Luxury Hotel Awards*
- **Best Australian Hotel** in *Luxury Travel Magazine's Gold List* for the fourth consecutive year

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