

## New Restaurant, New General Manager Put Sam & Harry's at Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel on the Map

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[Schaumburg, Il. – April, 2007] – Just outside of Chicago, enjoy prime steak and fresh seafood flown in daily at the fourth Sam & Harry's restaurant in the U.S.—part of the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center.

“We are very excited to have this restaurant as part of our hotel here in Schaumburg,” said John Lampa, director of operations for the Chicago, Il hotel. “Sam and Harry's has a great reputation for delivering delicious cuisine, great wines, as well as impeccable service to its guests.”

Sam and Harry's started in Washington D.C. in 1990 and quickly became a favorite spot for dining in the capitol city. Offering Chicago wet-aged prime beef and day boat fresh seafood, the Schaumburg restaurant has positioned itself as a nationally known steakhouse. An award-winning wine program, seasoned service, and stunning atmosphere, compliment every culinary adventure at Sam and Harry's.

Joshua Humphrey is the executive chef for Sam & Harry's restaurant in Schaumburg, Illinois. Chef Humphrey's career has taken him across the country to several excellent establishments including Dallas where he was the chef for and upscale steak house T-Bones. During his tenure there, his customers appreciated his attention to detail and culinary expertise. At Sam & Harry's chef Humphrey provides his patrons with that same high level of customer service and outstanding cuisine. He appreciates the excellent ingredients he works with including USDA prime wet aged steaks. Seven days a week the restaurant receives fresh seafood flown in from around the world. Chef Humphrey creates simple, but elegant preparations with these premium, fresh ingredients. His patrons can savor the flavorful results of his efforts.

In April another member joined this winning Schaumburg restaurant team: General Manager Reggie Abesamis. Prior to joining Sam & Harry's, Abesamis worked for Marriott restaurants as well as for other Texas area restaurants. While general manager at the Gaylord Texas Resort's Old Hickory Fine Dining Steakhouse, this restaurant was named a “Top 10 New Restaurant 2004” by Dallas Morning News and received a 2005 Award of Excellence by Wine Spectator. Also as General Manager, Abesamis worked for Texas de Brazil in Dallas, and opened the award winning Kalamatas restaurant, part of the Renaissance Worthington Hotel in Fort Worth.

“Chef Humphrey and Reggie Abesamis top off our amazing team of professionals at Sam and Harry's—with these two on board success is guaranteed when it comes to providing Chicago area patrons with some of the best food in the city,” said Lampa.

Sam & Harry's is based in Washington, D.C. and has long been a favorite of US Presidents, diplomats and celebrities. Sam & Harry's is the classic American steakhouse updated with a contemporary flair. As always, Sam & Harry's features USDA prime aged beef, fresh seafood flown in daily and an award-winning wine program that perfectly compliments the sophisticated menu. Awards include: Gourmet Magazine's "Top Tables;" Nation's Restaurant News "Hall of Fame;" DiRoNA (Distinguished Restaurants of North America) Award Winner; Wine Spectator's "Best Award of Excellence.”

About the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center

Be amazed by a Schaumburg, IL hotel boasting a contemporary design that is expressive, yet functional at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center. Situated 30 miles from Downtown, this Northwest Chicago, Illinois hotel blends futuristic architecture with a heightened appreciation for the surrounding natural wetlands. Designed by the renowned John Portman & Associates, this Schaumburg Convention Center and Chicago area hotel creates a setting that provides an exceptional gathering place. Over 148,000 square feet of technologically enhanced meeting space is perfect for a variety of business and social events ranging from sizeable corporate conventions to intimate wedding receptions. The Renaissance Schaumburg is now home to Washington, DC based Sam & Harry's restaurant. Enjoy fresh gourmet steaks and seafood prepared by Chef Humphrey. Located only one mile from the legendary Woodfield Mall, this Schaumburg, Illinois hotel is just minutes from upscale dining and shopping, as well as a number of tourist attractions. Experience true luxury at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center, where the heartland meets the 21st century. For more information or to make a reservation, call (847) 303-4100 or visit [marriott.com/hotels/travel/chirs-renaissance-schaumburg-h...](http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/chirs-renaissance-schaumburg-h...)

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