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PRESS RELEASE

White Lodging Announces Abner Benitez has been Promoted to Executive Chef at the Marriott Austin South

Benitez brings over 14 years of food & beverage experience to his new role

Merrillville, Ind. - (June 11, 2015): White Lodging is pleased to announce Abner Benitez has been promoted to Executive Chef at the Marriott Austin South.

"I have to thank all the management for their support," said Benitez. "They encouraged me to move up to the next level in my career."

As Executive Chef, Abner will oversee food operations for the entire hotel. Previously, Benitez was the hotel's sous chef where he was responsible for controlling food and labor costs, oversaw scheduling of employees, monthly inventory and food ordering for the hotel. He was also in charge of supervising and executing banquet events. Prior to joining White Lodging in 2013, Benitez was a cook at both the Flintrock Falls Country Club in Austin, Texas and the River Creek Country Club in Leesburg, Virginia.

The Marriott Austin South is home to The Limestone Kitchen & Lounge. Limestone offers craft cocktails, local and seasonal beers on tap and a wine list for the casual diner. To make reservations visit Limestone Kitchen & Lounge on [OpenTable](#).

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