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## **JB Duke Hotel Reveals New Executive Chef Ahead of January Opening**

*Fresh expertise infuses flavor for the newest contemporary hotel*

**DURHAM, N.C., December 15, 2016** – [JB Duke Hotel](#), North Carolina’s new, contemporary lodging destination located on the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, announced today the appointment of its executive chef, Erik Lampe.

In addition to serving as chef de cuisine and chef de partie at a AAA Five Diamond and Mobile Four Star-rated restaurant, Lampe’s experience includes serving as executive chef for military and private clubs, upscale hotels, university and conference centers. He holds nearly a quarter century of culinary and business experience, working most recently as the executive chef for the clubs and catering division of the Department of the Navy, Marine Corps Community Services at Camp Lejeune.

Lampe will manage, direct and oversee daily operations for hotel dining, including a full-service restaurant specializing in a la carte, conference dining and two full-service bars. The lobby bar will serve as a main gathering space and a bar celebrating the surrounding athletic atmosphere will be located adjacent to the main dining room.

“Erik’s zest for food preparation and execution will elevate all dining options available at the JB Duke Hotel,” said Gregg Hilker, general manager, JB Duke Hotel. “His background serving diverse populations will translate impeccably to serving both local and worldwide travelers while infusing a modern twist on southern hospitality.”

Lampe is a 10-year Certified Executive Chef with the American Culinary Federation. He holds an associate’s in occupational studies degree in culinary arts and sciences from Scottsdale Culinary Institute and a bachelor’s of science degree in business logistics from The Pennsylvania State University. Lampe is also a U.S. Marine Corps. veteran.

Open to guests in early January 2017, the full-service JB Duke Hotel and event space features a distinctly modern design with welcoming accommodations. It will feature 198 guestrooms, including 11 unique suites. The hotel also features the Thomas Executive Conference Center, 20,850 square feet of meeting and event space designed with a focus on hospitality, flexible event set up and adherence to the quality standards set by the International Association of Conference Centers (IACC).

Social, academic and corporate events and meetings alike will find inviting hospitality-focused service in the distinctive environment to meet its demands. The facility offers a 5,450 square foot ballroom, several multi-purpose spaces, two state-of-the-art boardrooms, two fixed-tiered classrooms seating 65 attendees, generous pre-function spaces and a business center. State-of-the-art systems in each room will assist its global and local clientele.

The JB Duke Hotel represents a \$62 million investment by Duke University in the Durham community, creating more than 120 career opportunities. The hotel and its conference facilities will be used by



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Duke's MBA programs for working professionals and non-degree executive education courses hosted by the Fuqua School.

To begin planning your group event, contact the JB Duke Hotel team at [info@jbdukehotel.com](mailto:info@jbdukehotel.com) or 919.660.6400. For more information about JB Duke Hotel, please visit [www.jbdukehotel.com](http://www.jbdukehotel.com).

**About JB Duke Hotel**

The JB Duke Hotel is the contemporary hotel located on the campus of Duke University, conveniently near both athletic and academic facilities, as well as only 20 minutes from Raleigh-Durham International Airport and 10 minutes from Research Triangle Park. It features 198 guestrooms and 20,850 square feet of meeting and event space and is home to a full-service restaurant and two bars.

The hotel is owned by Duke University and is managed by WDI Hospitality, LLC of Durham, North Carolina, which has operated progeny property Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club for decades. For more information, visit [jbdukehotel.com](http://jbdukehotel.com). Follow JB Duke Hotel on Facebook at [facebook.com/jbdukehotel](https://facebook.com/jbdukehotel), Twitter at [twitter.com/jbdukehotel](https://twitter.com/jbdukehotel), or Instagram at [instagram.com/jbdukehotel](https://instagram.com/jbdukehotel).

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