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**STUDIO AT MONTAGE RESORT & SPA NAMED ONE OF
ESQUIRE MAGAZINE'S BEST NEW RESTAURANTS OF 2003**

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. (October 21, 2003) – Studio at Montage Resort & Spa was honored as one of the 2003 Best New Restaurants by *Esquire* magazine in their twenty-second-annual survey. Each year, the premiere men's magazine chooses twenty of the country's most promising new restaurants to feature in their November issue.

“We are honored to be recognized by *Esquire* and to join the ranks of some of the most acclaimed restaurants in the country,” said James Bermingham, general manager for Montage. “It has been a remarkable debut year for Studio.”

For over a decade, respected veteran food critic John Mariani has made *Esquire*'s elite distinctions, identifying some of the best up-and-coming establishments in the industry.

Mariani noted Studio's breathtaking surroundings “set on a bluff in Laguna Beach with a 280-degree view of the rolling ocean” and its one-of-a-kind setting “California Arts and Crafts-style dining room decorated with wide wooden beams, landscape art, and custom cabinetry stocked with ten thousand bottles of wine.”

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Lauding Chef James Boyce's "inspired Mediterranean-influenced cuisine," Mariani recommended the white asparagus soup with salmon and caviar, roasted Gulf snapper with English pea purée, and the vanilla pudding with chocolate espresso and summer berries. Mariani first tasted Chef Boyce's cooking at Mary Elaine's in Scottsdale, Arizona, and has followed his career ever since.

With sweeping panoramas of the Pacific and striking craftsman-style architecture, Montage Resort & Spa is situated on 30 lushly landscaped acres in the heart of the picturesque arts community of Laguna Beach. The luxury 262-room resort offers: elegant beachfront accommodations; a 20,000-square-foot oceanfront spa; three sparkling swimming pools; destination dining; a museum-quality collection of fine art; and over 20,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor meeting space.

For information and reservations, please contact Montage Resort & Spa, toll-free, at 1-888-715-6700; or visit the website at www.montagelagunabeach.com.

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