

Q HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT + THE Q HOTEL GROUP PARTNER WITH BEVERAGE GURU ERIK HAKKINEN + INTRODUCE MASTER CHEF ERIC TRUGLAS

The Captain Whidbey's beverage and culinary program are in good hands with Erik + Eric



SEATTLE (May 28, 2019) – [The Q Hotel Group](#), a Seattle-based hospitality company offering hotel management to unique and distinctive independent hotels, announces the addition of Seattle cocktail guru **Erik Hakkinen** to its roster of local independent hospitality experts at [Q Hospitality Management](#), as well as the appointment of **Chef Eric Truglas**, a “Maitre Cuisinier de France”, as the Executive Chef and Food & Beverage Manager at The Q Hotel Group managed [Captain Whidbey](#).

“We are excited to partner with Erik Hakkinen as our local cocktail expert at Q Hospitality Management,” said Quentin Incao, CEO, Q Hospitality Management + The Q Hotel Group (AKA: Q). “Erik brings amazing talent and great local cocktail experience, we are incredibly honored to have him join our team of independent hospitality experts. Hot off of the announcement of the pending opening of his own bar, Erik was recently brought in to curate the Captain Whidbey’s seasonal cocktail program, which recently kicked off with their spring launch of the new restaurant and bar and hotel re-opening on April 21st.”

Named after Tom Waits hit song such as Hell Broke Luce, Gun Street Girl and Jockey Full of Bourbon, the spring menus launched featuring great local spirits from Big Gin, Cadée and Whidbey Island Distillery masterly crafted into delicious cocktails by Erik.

“The addition of Epicurean Master Chef Eric Truglas, formally a consulting chef at Q Hospitality Management and owner of EAT in Bellingham, rounds out the talent that over see’s the reinvigorated and re-imagined culinary program at the new Captain Whidbey”.

Since 1907, Captain Whidbey has been a locus of natural beauty, community gathering and quiet, exalted delight. A place where locals and visitors do things together — even if those things are simply eating, drinking, appreciating nature, looking out across the water, feeling alive, feeling grateful.

The Q Hotel Group is currently in early discussions with a unique destination near the Washington coast as well as in the re-development stage of Seattle's well-known Lusty Lady building, transitioning it into a 43-room, luxury hotel with multiple food and beverage experiences. This property is scheduled to open in 2020 and will also be managed by [The Q Hotel Group](#).

Captain Whidbey has re-opened and is taking room and restaurant reservations.

www.captainwhidbey.com

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About Q Hospitality Management + The Q Hotel Group

Q Hospitality Management is a Seattle-based hospitality management company that offers consulting and operational support to unique and distinctive independent hotels and restaurants. Under **The Q Hotel Group** brand, they manage unique and distinctive independent destinations. With a collective 99+ years of diverse experience in all aspects of hotel + restaurant operations, the team is comprised of passionate hoteliers focused on having fun, creating an empowered hotel team and supporting independent hotel owners in maximizing the value of their assets. Areas of expertise include pre-opening and technical services, management recruiting, interim executive management and independent hotel management. www.qhospitalitymanagement.com + www.theqhotelgroup.com

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