

## **THERE'S SOMETHING HAPPENING HERE!**

**International Centre announces New Executive Chef, Tawfik Shehata**



**Tawfik Shehata, Executive Chef**

**Mississauga, Ontario, September 24, 2012** - The International Centre has announced Tawfik Shehata as its new Executive Chef. Leading the International Centre's exceptional culinary team forward, Chef Shehata will ensure that clients and guests experience the International Centre's hospitality and culinary excellence while adding his own unique flare. "Our mandate has always been to provide our clients with an exceptional experience and we are confident that Chef Shehata will deliver on that promise" said Trevor Lui, Director of Operations and Sustainability.

Chef Shehata brings nearly 20 years of professional culinary experience to his new role at the International Centre. Chef Shehata acquired his broad and distinctive culinary experience at many of the world's finest establishments including Winston's, Scaramouche, Auberge du Pommier, Boba, Truffles at The Four Seasons, Taboo and renowned resorts in Jamaica and Bermuda. Voted one of the "Top Ten New Chefs in Canada" by enRoute Magazine and with appearances on numerous episodes of the Food Network Canada, CBC and SUN TV, Chef Shehata is at the forefront of today's culinary experience. His unique menu items have been featured in publications such as Canadian Living, City Bites, Tonic Magazine and Healthy Directions.

As a writer, teacher and spokesperson for Foodland Ontario, Chef Shehata shares his passion for sustainable agriculture and his commitment to supporting local producers.

"The International Centre's focus on sustainability and supporting local producers really speaks to me. I truly believe in the importance of sourcing local and that the best ingredients make the best food," said Executive Chef Tawfik Shehata. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to put my skills to use, work with an exceptional team to provide great local food to a greater and more diverse group of people and make each visitor's experience truly unforgettable."

Chef Shehata is one of the new breed of culinary professionals. He is a leader, communicator, teacher and innovator. To learn more about Chef Shehata, visit [www.tawfik.ca](http://www.tawfik.ca).

### **About the International Centre**

The International Centre boasts 40 years of success as the leading trade and consumer show venue in North America, and one of Canada's largest privately owned multi-purpose conference facilities. Located at 6900 Airport Road, offering complementary parking for 5,000 vehicles and surrounded by more than 10,000 hotel rooms, the International Centre is easily accessible from any point in the Greater Toronto Area. For more information, visit [www.internationalcentre.com](http://www.internationalcentre.com).