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**Native Maritimer Chef Dale Nichols Named Executive Chef of  
Landmark Algonquin Resort and Spa**

SAINT ANDREWS, New Brunswick., CANADA /SHELTON, Ct. (March 4, 2015)—  
Officials of New Castle Hotels and Resorts, a leading hotel owner, operator and developer, today announced that Dale Nichols, CFBE, has been appointed executive chef of the Algonquin Resort and Spa in St. Andrews, NB. A New Brunswick native, Nichols previously was the executive chef at the New Castle managed Digby Pines Resort and Spa in Nova Scotia.

“Dale is an extremely talented chef and a dedicated culinary educator who is perfectly suited to elevate the Algonquin's food and beverage offering through equal parts creativity and talent development,” said Gerry Chase, president and COO of New Castle. “The Algonquin's guests expect every aspect of their stay to be memorable and Dale is exactly the right leader to create a locally significant dining experience commensurate with the Algonquin's stature in the region.”

"Having grown up in Moncton, the Algonquin was always the epitome of gracious hospitality for the entire region," said Nichols. "To be able to lead the kitchen of this national treasure is a dream come true, and to do it during a time when culinary and travel trends favor local authenticity in terms of ingredients and overall experience is truly a high point in my career. No resort is more relevant to the Maritimes than the Algonquin and I'm looking forward to developing a team of local culinary talent to showcase the tremendous abundance of our region. Look for us to tap into the hotel's 125-year history for inspiration and transform the classic into the contemporary."

Following a decade in some of Toronto's most celebrated kitchens, Nichols has led the food and beverage operations of several prominent hotels including the Delta Hotel Halifax and the *Wine Spectator* awarded Keltic Lodge Resort and Spa in Ingonish. He also is a chef educator, working with community colleges as a consultant and substitute instructor and Canadian culinary ambassador helping Canadian Airlines develop in-flight meals for first class passengers, and representing the country in a cultural exchange with Taiwan. In recent years he has helped raise more than \$100,000 for local charities through culinary-related fundraisers.

### About [the Algonquin Resort](#)

The [Algonquin Resort](#), ranked among [Canada's Top 10 hotels by Conde Nast Traveler](#), and awarded [CAA's prestigious Four-Diamond](#) designation, overlooks the picturesque Passamaquoddy Bay from St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, New Brunswick, Canada. Originally opened in 1886 and meticulously renovated in 2014, the Algonquin's 233 guest rooms and suites reflect the hotel's original Victorian style while meeting the needs and desires of modern travelers. The resort features two restaurants, Braxton's Restaurant and Bar and the Clubhouse, as well as in-room and anyplace dining, 19,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space, a lounge with outdoor patio, fire pits with loaner guitars, an indoor pool and waterslide, outdoor pool and hot tub. Now in its second century of service, the Algonquin was awarded Marriott International's Best Renovation award for 2014, and also is home to the seaside [Algonquin Golf Course](#). Ranked among Canada's top 100 courses and adjacent to the Bay of Fundy, the Algonquin Golf Course is home to two of the top ten golf tees in Canada.

For reservations or additional information, please visit [www.algonquinresort.com](http://www.algonquinresort.com).

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### **About New Castle Hotels & Resorts**

The Algonquin Resort is managed by Shelton Conn. based New Castle Hotels & Resorts, an award-winning independent third-party hotel manager, owner and developer with 29 hotels and resorts and nearly 5,000 rooms under contract or in development. New Castle's growing portfolio of hotels spans 10 states and three Canadian provinces and includes several of Canada's historic landmark resorts. The privately-held company was established by CEO, David Buffam in 1980 and consistently ranks among the top hotel management and development companies in North America. New Castle recently was honored with Marriott's 2014 Best Renovation award for the Algonquin Resort and is a preferred operator for diverse brands within the Marriott, Hilton and Starwood families. For additional information, please go to [www.newcastlehotels.com](http://www.newcastlehotels.com).