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ELEMENT 47 NAMED A FORBES FIVE-STAR RESTAURANT

Aspen, Colo. (February 2015) – The Little Nell is pleased to announce element 47, our signature restaurant and bar, has been awarded Five Stars by *Forbes Travel Guide*.

As the only Five-Star-rated restaurant offering ski-in/ski-out accessibility, element 47 offers an approachable yet sophisticated atmosphere where guests are as comfortable in their ski boots as they are in their slippers.

In 2012, element 47 emerged after a redesign by James Beard Restaurant Design award winner Bentel & Bentel. Highlights of the design include a glass wine wall incorporating the restaurant's prize-winning cellar and natural elements such as stone, wood, and blackened steel, comfortable banquette seating, soft lighting, and large-scale modern artwork, curated by artist Paula Crown whose family owns the hotel.

Element 47 was named for silver on the periodic table and offers a nod to Aspen's rich silver-mining history. Since its debut, element 47 has set itself apart for outstanding service, an impeccable wine program, innovative cocktails and sensational Alpine cuisine, served from breakfast to late night.

The Little Nell's Executive Chef Bryan Moscatello and element 47's Restaurant Chef, Matthew Padilla, have created a menu focused on seasonal fare, locally sourced produce, meat and game, as well as sustainable seafood.

The outstanding wine collection, overseen by The Little Nell's Wine Director and Master Sommelier Carlton McCoy, comprises nearly 20,000 bottles. Each spring, the Court of Master Sommeliers holds its exam at The Little Nell, which has seen a record ten Master Sommeliers on staff over the years.

"We're incredibly honored to receive this prestigious award," says Simon Chen, Managing Director of The Little Nell. Regarding the vision for element 47, he adds, "We set out to create an approachable atmosphere. We felt the traditional white glove experience associated with fine dining wasn't necessary to show guests an amazing time and still provide exemplary service."

Over the years, The Little Nell has earned many notable distinctions and awards for the restaurant, which include *James Beard* - Outstanding Wine Program Short List Nominee – 2014, *Wine Enthusiast* - America's 100 Best Wine Restaurants - 2013, 2012, 2011, *Wine Spectator* - Grand Award - Since 1997, and *World of Fine Wine* - World's Best Wines List – 2014. We're honored to now add *Forbes Travel Guide* – Five-Star Winner – 2015 to this list.

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Element 47 is open daily serving breakfast from 7 – 10:30 am, lunch from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm and dinner from 6 – 10 pm. The element 47 bar’s hours are 11:30 am to midnight. For reservations, please call 970.920.6330 or email element47@thelittlenell.com. For more information about element 47, please visit thelittlenell.com/dining/element-47.

Images of element 47:

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About The Little Nell

Cosmopolitan yet intimate, contemporary yet timeless, The Little Nell invites guests to experience Aspen’s only Five-Star, Five-Diamond, ski-in/ski-out hotel – a Relais & Châteaux resort - and the distinctive element 47 restaurant. For more information, and for reservations, call 888.The.Nell (888.843.6355) or visit thelittlenell.com.

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