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Hush-hush

Very few details about the plans for five new themed restaurants at **Palazzo del Lago** escaped the lips of the developers this week at the \$800 million condo-hotel and villa resort, to be operated by **InterContinental**.

Principal and CEO **Jerrold Krystoff** did confirm earlier rumors that his company, **Hospitality Development Group**

Inc., the project developer, is in the final stages of negotiation with a well-known celebrity chef to do a stand-alone, signature restaurant at the property, planning for an early 2009 opening. But he wouldn't name names, saying "the chef would kill me" if word got out.

Don't expect details on the cuisines in the other four restaurants either, until mid to late 2007. One will definitely be an all-day-dining, 5,000-square-foot restaurant. However, the others might be Italian, French, Pan-Asian or a cuisine not even familiar today.

"We like to wait until the last possible moment to determine concepts," says **Lewis Fader**, InterContinental vice president of operations for North America. "We want to offer something that's trendy."

The hotel also plans a high-profile, New York/South Beach nightclub, as well as 15,000 square feet of "pure spa" — not including the exercise facility — operated by a well-known chain without an existing Orlando location.