

Caesars Palace Celebrates the Grand Opening of Dominique Ansel Las Vegas

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Inventor of the Cronut[®] and award-winning pastry chef Dominique Ansel welcomed quests to his new bakery on the Las Vegas Strip

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LAS VEGAS, Oct. 24, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Creative confectionaries, decadent desserts and, of course, the Cronut[®] have arrived at Dominique Ansel Las Vegas at Caesars Palace. James Beard Award-winning pastry chef Dominique Ansel has opened his bake shop and introduced his only-in-Vegas "Lucky 7" collection, Cookie Shots, Frozen S'mores, the Cronut[®] flavor of the month, and more to the resort.

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Dominique Ansel Las Vegas officially opened its doors on Friday, Oct. 21, to excited guests, including the first four customers who drove to Las Vegas overnight from Southern California and lined up at 6 a.m. The first 100 people received a special gift to celebrate the occasion. Chef Dominique Ansel and Caesars Entertainment executives were joined by a traditional Caesars Palace Royal Court procession to unveil the bakery. The group ceremonially toasted with Chef's signature Cookie Shots to commemorate the opening.

"Chef Dominique Ansel is one of the most esteemed pastry chefs in the world," said Caesars Entertainment Regional President Sean McBurney. "The opening of his bakery has been a long time coming. His creations are the perfect addition to our extraordinary culinary offerings at Caesars Palace."

Chef Dominique Ansel has created signature pastries exclusively for Caesars Palace, including a Cronut[®] flavor that changes each month and never repeats. The first featured Cronut[®] flavor is Lucky Cherry Chambord and Caramelia. Available through Nov. 30, the pastry is filled with cherry Chambord jam and Valrhona Caramelia (caramelized milk chocolate) ganache.

"I'm so thrilled to finally bring Dominique Ansel Las Vegas to life and have a home here at Caesars Palace," said Chef Dominique Ansel. "We've been so honored and humbled to welcome guests from all around the world. For each of our shops, we strive to make each menu unique, and we hope our 'Lucky 7' pastry collection will bring some good fortune to everyone here. I can't wait to share what we have planned for our future menu creations."

Exclusively available at Dominique Ansel Las Vegas, the "Lucky 7" collection symbolizes good fortune and includes:

- Lucky Penny Pig Milk chocolate crémeux, homemade raspberry jam and salted peanut feuilletine are sandwiched between vanilla sablé cookies to create a pig, which is topped with a lucky gilded chocolate penny.
- Ladybug Elderflower mascarpone mousse, fresh strawberry compote, strawberry gelée, fluffy chiffon cake and a lychee meringue make up a mini garden watering can, which is finished with a tiny chocolate ladybug.
- **Goldfish** Tropical flavors of calamansi coconut mousse, fresh diced mango, mango passionfruit gelée and coconut dacquoise make up a goldfish, complete with hand-painted white chocolate fins.
- Four-Leaf Clover Coffee mousse topped with hazelnut dacquoise, dark chocolate crémeux and crispy feuilletine create a four-leaf clover.
- Fortune Cookie A sablé Breton base is topped with jasmine tea crémeux and lemon curd. A white chocolate "fortune" sticks out of the cookie, wishing luck in Las Vegas.
- Feather A vanilla sablé cookie is topped with chestnut mousse, banana jam, orange marmalade and banana cake and is garnished with a white chocolate feather.
- Evil Eye Éclair A classic French éclair is filled with cassis jam and Valrhona Caramelia whipped ganache.

Guests can also enjoy several of Chef Dominique's signature creations, from the best-selling DKA (Dominique's Kouign Amann) to Cookie Shots, Frozen S'mores and baked-to-order Mini Madeleines. In addition, a selection of classic French croissants and viennoiserie will be baked fresh daily, made with Beurre d'Isigny butter and Les Grands Moulins des Paris flour imported from France.

Dominique Ansel Las Vegas at Caesars Palace spans more than 1,100 square feet and features cafe-style seating for 20 people. Open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily; the bakery is next to Gordon Ramsay Pub & Grill. For more information, visit <u>caesars.com/caesars-palace/restaurants/dominique-ansel</u>.

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About Caesars Palace

World-renowned Las Vegas resort and a Top 10 "Best U.S. Casino" by USA TODAY 10BEST Readers' Choice, Caesars Palace features 3,980 hotel

guest rooms and <u>suites</u>, including the renovated Palace Tower featuring 10 luxury villas, the newly redesigned 182-room <u>Nobu Hotel Caesars Palace</u> and Forbes Star Award-winning <u>The Laurel Collection by Caesars Palace</u>. The 85-acre resort offers diverse dining options from the award-winning Bacchanal Buffet to celebrity chef-branded restaurants, including Gordon Ramsay HELL'S KITCHEN, Pronto by Giada, Amalfi by Bobby Flay, Vanderpump Cocktail Garden by restauranteur and television star Lisa Vanderpump, one of Nobu Matsuhisa's largest Nobu Restaurant and Lounge, Restaurant Guy Savoy, Old Homestead Steakhouse, MR CHOW, award-winning pastry chef Dominique Ansel's first Las Vegas bakery, legendary New York Steak House Peter Luger (set to open in 2022), Stanton Social Prime (set to open this winter) and more. For the best in cocktails, destination lounges include Montecristo Cigar Bar, Alto Bar, VISTA Cocktail Lounge and Stadia Bar. The resort also features nearly 130,000 square feet of casino space, the Caesars Race & Sportsbook at Caesars Palace with a 143-foot HD LED screen and state-of-the-art sound, a five-acre Garden of the Gods Pool Oasis, the luxurious Qua Baths & Spa, Hairdreams by Michael Boychuck, five wedding chapels and gardens, and the 75,000-square-foot OMNIA Nightclub with the top DJs such as Steve Aoki. The 4,300-seat Colosseum, Billboard Magazine's "Venue of the Decade: 2000 – 2009" and the top venue of its size 2010 - 2019," spotlights world-class entertainers including Sting, Keith Urban, Rod Stewart and Jerry Seinfeld. The Forum Shops at Caesars Palace showcases more than 160 boutiques and restaurants. Caesars Palace is operated by a subsidiary of Caesars Entertainment, Inc. (NASDAQ: CZR). For more information, please visit <u>caesarspalace.com</u> or the Caesars Entertainment Las Vegas <u>media room</u>. Find Caesars Palace on <u>Facebook</u> and follow on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. Know When To Stop Before You Start.® If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, crisis counseling and referral service

About Chef Dominique Ansel

James Beard Award-winning Pastry Chef, Dominique Ansel has shaken up the pastry world with innovation and creativity at the heart of his work. Chef Dominique has been responsible for creating some of the most fêted pastries in the world, including: the Cronut® (named one of *TIME* Magazine's "25 Best inventions of 2013"), The Cookie Shot, Frozen S'more, Blossoming Hot Chocolate, and many more. For his prolific creativity, he was named the World's Best Pastry Chef in 2017 by the World's 50 Best Restaurants awards. *Food & Wine* has called him a "Culinary Van Gogh" while the *New York Post* coined him "the Willy Wonka of New York." He has also been bestowed the prestigious l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole, France's second highest honor.

Prior to opening his own shop, Dominique served as the Executive Pastry Chef for Chef Daniel Boulud's celebrated restaurant Daniel, when the team earned its coveted third Michelin star and a four-star review from *The New York Times*. In 2011, Dominique opened his first shop, the eponymous Dominique Ansel Bakery in NYC's Soho neighborhood, with just four employees. In January 2020, he launched Dang Wen Li by Dominique Ansel in Hong Kong, and most recently in July 2021, he opened Dominique Ansel Workshop, a croissant counter inside of his pastry kitchens in NYC's Flatiron neighborhood. 2022 brought the debut of Chef's first-ever Las Vegas location, Dominique Ansel Las Vegas at Caesars Palace, which opened in October. Dominique is also the author of two cookbooks: *Dominique Ansel: The Secret Recipes* (October 2014), and *Everyone Can Bake: Simple Recipes to Master & Mix* (April 2020).



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