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THE RITZ-CARLTON, NIKKO SET TO OPEN ITS DOOR ON MAY 22, 2020

*Located within Nikko National Park, the hotel welcomes visitors to the Okunikko highlands
with the brand's first Japanese hot-spring experience*



Elevation rendering of The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko

NIKKO, JAPAN – 7 November 2019 – The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company L.L.C. announced today that The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko is on target to open on 22 May 2020 as the fifth Ritz-Carlton property in Japan. Located within Nikko National Park, the 94-room luxury resort will welcome guests to open, airy spaces with magnificent views of Lake Chuzenji and the sacred slopes of Mount Nantai, a mountain worshipped since ancient times, as backdrop.

Located in the northern part of Japan's Kanto region just two and a half hours north of Tokyo, Nikko is a popular destination renowned for such natural and cultural jewels as the 97-meter cascade of Kegon Falls and the splendid architecture of Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples set in a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko is located on the east shore of Lake Chuzenji, south of Mount Nantai, in an area known locally as Okunikko, or "deep Nikko." The lakeside resort will provide guests with easy access to such prominent scenic attractions as the Kegon Falls and the UNESCO-designated Toshogu and Futarasan shrines and Rinnoji temple.

"We are delighted to be bringing the Ritz-Carlton commitment to service and quality not only to Tochigi prefecture but also to the fascinating location that is Okunikko. This mountainous area west of Nikko's city center brims with natural beauty and is a destination steeped in culture and history," said Masanori Hosoya, General Manager, The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko. "We look forward to showcasing our legendary service by our Ladies and Gentlemen and to combining this with unique offerings, ensuring that our international guests will find much to explore and certainly many reasons to return."

Regarded as hallowed ground for devotees of Japanese mountain worship ever since the Buddhist monk Shodo Shonin climbed Mount Nantai in 782, scenic Nikko has over the centuries been a haven of the

Japanese court, the imperial family, and travelers both domestic and international. Its richly decorated shrines and temples were named a UNESCO World heritage site for their cultural, religious, and architectural significance. The magnificent appearance of these sanctuaries has been maintained and preserved by a long line of master craftsmen who continue to use early 17th-century lacquering and gilding techniques to this day.

True to this legendary setting, The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko welcomes guests with exceptional design and services that will deepen their experience of Japan and its culture. The 94 guestrooms and suites start at a generous 57 square meters in size and include 9 Lake Chuzenji View Suites as well as the 277-square-meter Ritz-Carlton Suite. Uniting modern flair with tasteful Japanese design, each residence has a private balcony and a semi-outdoor lounge area inspired by the *engawa* veranda of traditional Japanese architecture, inviting guests to take in the beauty of the national park.

Executive chef Shingo Hayasaka, a native of Hokkaido, transforms the freshest local fare into stellar creations at two restaurants serving Japanese and Italian-inspired western cuisine. Local ingredients also find their spotlight in the original cocktails shaken and stirred at the hotel's chic bar. Lakeside terrace seating allows staying guests and visitors to picnic with takeaway items while gazing out onto the surrounding highlands.

Complete with luxurious open-air and indoor hot-spring baths for men and women that draw on the sought-after sulfuric waters of nearby Yumoto Onsen, The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko is the first Ritz-Carlton to offer an authentic Japanese hot-spring experience in addition to a full-service contemporary spa—a boon to worldwide fans of the Ritz-Carlton spa experience. Guests may also relax within the library lounge, or rejuvenate in the 24-hour fitness studio. Nearby hiking trails lure outdoor lovers from spring to autumn, while the winter scenery can be enjoyed all the more from the steamy comfort of the resort's hot-spring baths.

For more information on The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko, visit www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/japan/nikko. Please click <https://youtu.be/sODZdnkryv4> to learn more about the natural beauty of Nikko.

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