



ARIZONA GRAND RESORT®

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James Eric Finney
Executive Chef

James Eric Finney joined Arizona Grand Resort in 2009. He is responsible for supervising a staff of more than 100 and overseeing the banquet kitchen as well as five dining options, including the resort's signature restaurant called The Lobby Grill. Finney has more than 12 years of culinary experience working at fine dining restaurants in luxury hotel settings across the country. Prior to joining the resort, Finney served as Executive Chef at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. During his eight years with the Five Diamond property, he assisted in menu development for all dining venues and oversaw special dinners for President George W. Bush, Vice-President Dick Cheney, John Elway and Muhammad Ali, as well as supervised all catering efforts for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Finney's chef experience also includes work for the Omni Interlocken Resort, Inverness Hotel & Golf Club and The Resort at Squaw Creek.

Finney graduated with honors from the Western Culinary Institute in Oregon and holds an associate degree from Southern Illinois University.