

Janine M. Chicourrat

General Manager, Portola Hotel & Spa

Janine Chicourrat's career has encompassed successful tenures at some of California's most renowned hospitality companies, including Pebble Beach Resorts and the Kimpton Hotel & Restaurant Group. She now brings nearly 20 years of operations and management leadership to her position as general manager of the Portola Hotel & Spa, where she is spearheading a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) redesign of the 379-room property.

Chicourrat spent eight years at the world-famous Pebble Beach Resorts, rapidly moving up through the ranks from room division manager to general manager of Casa Palermo & The Spa at Pebble Beach, and later The Lodge at Pebble Beach.

She led the opening team for Casa Palermo, and in 1999 was tapped to take over the operations for the 22,000-square-foot Spa at Pebble Beach. While serving as general manager of The Lodge at Pebble Beach, Chicourrat was involved in all aspects of running the Lodge Division as well as assisting in the coordination of such high-profile events as the AT&T Pro-Am and Concours d'Elegance car show. Under her guidance, The Lodge was touted as the Top Resort in Mainland U.S. by *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2003 Readers' Choice Awards Poll, one of the most prestigious honors in the hospitality industry.

Chicourrat began her career in the hospitality industry in 1993 as a sales manager for the Kimpton Group's Monticello Inn. Seeking to establish herself at the San Francisco-based hospitality management company, she worked in several capacities across various properties before moving up to general manager of Monticello Inn. After seven years with the Kimpton Group, Chicourrat moved to Lake Tahoe to take on the role of director of lodging operations for Northstar at Tahoe, where she oversaw the operations of 260 privately-owned homes and condominiums.

Along with her responsibilities at the Portola Hotel & Spa, Chicourrat serves on the board of the Carmel Chamber of Commerce and The Offset Project. She is the current President of the Monterey County Hospitality Association. She also served as a hospitality representative for the United States Agency and International Development (USAID) program, working with the City of Monterey, Country of Croatia and The City of Dubrovnik on economic development.

Chicourrat currently resides in Carmel with her husband, Dave Potter, a Monterey County Supervisor.