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TODD ENGLISH, GALE GAND, MICHELLE BERNSTEIN AND OTHER TOP CHEFS TEAM UP WITH WESTERN PISTACHIO ASSOCIATION TO SHARE FAVORITE PISTACHIO RECIPES
Free Color Recipe Booklet Filled with Delicious Appetizers, Salads, Entrees and Desserts

FRESNO, Calif. - November 2008 - Have you ever wanted to cook like a celebrity chef? Now's your chance! This holiday season, the Western Pistachio Association is releasing a free recipe booklet authored by some of the country's most respected chefs sharing their favorite recipes featuring U.S. pistachios.

The recipe booklet titled, "**Go Green with U.S. Pistachios,**" is part of the Western Pistachio Association's ongoing consumer awareness campaign designed to increase the visibility of U.S. grown pistachios and raise awareness for the nut's many health benefits.

"We've always known pistachios are a heart-healthy snack choice," said Richard Matoian, Executive Director of the Western Pistachio Association. "We're excited to be partnering with so many high profile chefs to also alert culinary enthusiasts that pistachios are a flavorful ingredient to incorporate into favorite dishes and every day meals."

All of the booklet's contributing chefs have received high praise and national accolades during their culinary careers including Bon Appétit 2008 Chef of the Year, **Michael Psilakis** (owner of Anthos and Kefi and Mia Dona in New York City), Food Network stars and restaurateurs **Todd English, Gale Gand** and **Michelle Bernstein**, cookbook author and James Beard honoree **Rick Tramonto** of Tru fame, 2008 Top Chef Chicago Winner **Stephanie Izard** and one of Food & Wine Magazine's 2008 Best New Chefs **Ethan Stowell** of Union and Tavolata. These and other well-known chefs developed flavorful and entertaining-worthy recipes featuring U.S. pistachios. A complete list of the chefs and recipes featured in the Western Pistachio Association's "Go Green with U.S. Pistachios" recipe booklet is as follows:

WPA Book Featured Chefs and Recipes

- Ethan Stowell: *Potato Gnocchi with Pistachio and Basil Pesto*
- Gale Gand: *Pistachio-Blackberry Financier*
- Michael Psilakis: *Grilled Calamari and Pistachio Salad*
- Michelle Bernstein: *Arugula, "Pickled" Strawberries, Candied Pistachios, Crumbled Bleu Cheese Salad*
- Rick Tramonto: *Pistachio-Crusted Halibut with Spring Farmers Market Salad*
- Shawn McClain: *Chicken and Pistachio "Fried Rice" with Fresh Ginger and Chinese Hot Mustard*
- Stephanie Izard: *Braised Pistachio and Apple Stuffing With Apple Butter*
- Todd English: *Spaghettini with Pistachio Pesto and Mint Ricotta*
- Tony Mantuano: *Tuna Crudo with Pistachios and Pistachio Oil*
- Walter Manzke: *Sea Bass with Thai Curry and Pistachios*

For more information about pistachios or to obtain a free copy of the new celebrity chef recipe booklet, please visit the Western Pistachio Association's website at westernpistachio.org.

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