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Celebrity Chef's Menu a Hit with Diners at Satoro Restaurant & Lounge

HOLLYWOOD, FL – September 8, 2009 – Satoro Restaurant & Lounge may be new to the Downtown Hollywood restaurant scene, but its outstanding cuisine, attentive service, stunning décor and reasonable prices are already attracting repeat customers since it opened August 11th at 2050 Hollywood Boulevard.

The main ingredient of Satoro's recipe for success is its Mediterranean fusion menu created by Executive Chef Alexander Dziurzynski, which features Italian, Spanish, French and Greek selections.

As one of South Florida's celebrated chefs, Dziurzynski has worked at some of the finest venues in the country, including the Paris Las Vegas Hotel, and is a graduate of the New England Culinary Institute (NECI), one of America's leading training grounds for aspiring celebrity chefs. Locally, Dziurzynski, 31, is best known as the former executive chef for recently closed Las Olas Boulevard landmark Jackson's Steakhouse and its sister restaurant, Fish.

Chef Alexander is an exciting addition to the Downtown Hollywood showcase of young upcoming celebrity chefs. His menu features prime meats, fresh seafood, salads, desserts and tapas, which are served until closing and include grouper ceviche and fried feta cheese. Among the signature dishes are the prime rib chop, lamb with couscous, oxtail soup and paella. Standout desserts include a cheesecake made of goat cheese with a baklava crust.

"Everything is homemade," said Peter Santana, who owns Satoro with Vincenzo Losoreli and Jonathan Tovar. "Almost 90 percent of the food menu is finished in a wood oven for unique flavors."

Other unique flavors can be found on the bar menu, which features blackberry mojitos, bourbon mojitos, sparkling mojitos with champagne, and peach-mango white sangria, among other specialty drinks. The wine list boasts more than 80 wines from around the world. Friday nights are Ladies Night, with free martinis from 7 to 9 p.m., and live music is offered on the outdoor patio Thursday through Saturday.

With its stylish décor accented with modern white leather bar stools and dining chairs, Satoro exudes a hip vibe. The owners explored many other locations before looking at the Downtown Hollywood location.

"All of the hair on the back of my neck started tingling and I said, 'This is the place,'" Santana recalled.

Satoro and Downtown Hollywood quickly proved to be a perfect fit.

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"Everybody loves the place," Santana said. "It's sexy, the food is good, the service is good, and the prices of our menu are very reasonable."

Satoro Restaurant & Lounge is open daily from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., and will accommodate groups for breakfast and lunch service. Complimentary Wi-Fi wireless Internet access and \$5 valet parking are available. For additional information, call 954-374-9687.

For more information on Downtown Hollywood restaurants, businesses or events, call 954-921-3016 or visit www.downtownhollywood.com.

The Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was created under the authority of Florida's Community Redevelopment Act of 1969. The CRA's mission is to encourage economic development through the use of tax increment financing by funding development, special projects and enhanced services that address areas of community concern. The Downtown District was established in 1979 to promote Hollywood's central business district including Historic Hollywood Boulevard, Young Circle and nearby residential neighborhoods. The Downtown District is approximately 580 acres and extends from 22nd Avenue on the west to generally 17th Avenue on the east, Johnson Street on the north and Washington Street on the south.

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