miro district, a Neighborhood Restaurant Inspired by the Cuisine and Gathering Places of Italy, to Open in the Adelicia in 2008

Award-Winning Watermark Team Unveils New Dining Concept for Nashville

Nashville, TN - Hospitality Development Group, LLC, which brought Nashville the nationally acclaimed Watermark Restaurant in The Gulch, will now introduce *miro district food and drink,* an Italian inspired neighborhood restaurant slated to anchor the luxury Adelicia residential high-rise in Midtown at 906 20th Avenue South developed by Corner Realty Partners, LLC.

miro district, to open in May 2008, will unite unpretentious, Italian-inspired cuisine with professional service, a welcoming bar and lounge area, and a tastefully designed dining room. **miro district** will feature a seasonally changing menu of shared snacks, house-cured meats and artisan cheeses, handmade pastas and plentiful main courses. In addition to lunch and dinner, lighter fare will be served throughout the day and later at night to impart a casual neighborhood feel.

"At *miro district,* our first priority will be to cultivate an urbane neighborhood gathering spot that will welcome customers seeking casual appetizers or light meals, and drinks, to those in search of multicourse dinners in the Italian tradition," said Jerry Brown, Proprietor of Hospitality Development Group, LLC.

miro district will occupy 5,500 square feet of new space at the base of the Adelicia, the 18-story residential tower that has redefined the Vanderbilt-Music Row corridor with its sophisticated style and dramatic, contemporary architecture. Developers of Adelicia were seeking the highest-caliber restaurateur to create an authentic and unmatched concept specifically for the property and approached Hospitality Development Group, according to Ray Hensler, President of Corner Realty Partners, LLC. *miro district,* designed by Nashville-based Lyman, Davidson and Dooley Architects and Inner Design Studio, will be a sophisticated blend of urban edge and Italian tradition.

The restaurant's design incorporates multiple levels featuring high glass walls opening onto outdoor terraces for both the bar and dining areas, linking guests with the vibrant Midtown landscape. The main level of *miro district* will feature a vivacious, café atmosphere allowing guests to gather and interact, while the downstairs will provide a more spacious, tranquil setting. For a more private dining experience, *miro district* will offer balcony seating overlooking the main dining area with views of picturesque Adelicia Park.

The principals of Hospitality Development Group created a dining sensation when they opened Watermark in The Gulch in 2005 and began acclimating Nashvillians to Southern fare re-imagined as haute cuisine. In 2006, Watermark received honors including "Top 5 Hottest New Restaurants in America" by MSN Citysearch.com and "Nashville's Best New Restaurant" by the Nashville Scene. They will appeal the same commitment to quality to *miro district*, yet overlay the ambience with a more relaxed, neighborhood environment.

miro district's management team will be led by two notable restaurant veterans Dean Robb and Nathan Lindley. Robb joins Hospitality Development Group from Bottega Café & Restaurant, a nationally recognized award-winning Italian restaurant in Birmingham, Ala., where he has been the managing partner for over 16 years. Lindley, a partner in Hospitality Development Group, has led operations at Watermark since its inception. Prior to joining Hospitality Development Group, Lindley founded nationally recognized St. John's Restaurant and Meeting Place in Chattanooga. t

"Together Dean Robb and Nathan Lindley will bring *to miro district* the same exacting service that has made them two of the southeast's premier restaurateurs," said Brown. "Their combined success is a testament to their ability to create personal dining experiences with the highest levels of food and service. We are very fortunate to attract two individuals who will bring such exacting standards of comfort and excellence to *miro district*."

Miro District was the territorial name in the late 18th century for the region now known as Nashville and its surrounding areas. In his short story *In the Miro District,* Peter Taylor depicted life in Nashville's Acklen Park neighborhood (where the Adelicia is located) as a *"gentler world…known romantically as the Miro District."*

"We look forward to creating a gathering place that embodies Nashville's *miro district* in the dynamic midtown neighborhood anchored by the Adelicia" said Jerry Brown. Targeted to customers seeking the consistency and the value of a casual fine dining experience, *miro district* echoes the care and familiarity of the Italian trattoria with a communal energy and a satisfying culinary sensibility.

Ray Hensler and Corner Realty Partners, LLC, are known for developing urban infill projects that integrate residential, commercial, and retail into urban neighborhoods. The 18-story 186-unit project is a luxurious mixed-use high rise nestled in the Vanderbilt/Music Row neighborhood.

Adelicia features one-bedroom lofts, two-bedroom townhomes and spacious penthouse units. Average sales prices exceed \$500,000 with several penthouse units topping out at nearly \$2 million. The *miro district* will anchor the development and bring an important retail element to this amenity rich project.