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Chakra Restaurant Names New Executive Chef

Bergen Dining Destination Promotes from Within to Continue its Reputation for Excellence

(Paramus, NJ: February 19, 2008) Chakra Restaurant announced today the selection of Elijah Stillittano as its new executive chef.

"Elijah has been with us since day one as head sous chef and has made the transition to executive chef seamlessly," said Chakra co-owner, Philip Chiaramonte. "We are excited about the originality and passion he brings to the kitchen."

Upon accepting the position, Stillittano explained, "I'm looking forward to playing a larger role in continuing the great reputation Chakra has earned for stellar cuisine."

Chef Stillittano brings to the position not only a strong knowledge of the restaurant's operations, its patrons and the community, but also a well-developed talent and passion for the calling, having served in restaurant kitchens since his teenage years. Drawing from his experience at Chakra as well as his work under America Bar and Grill's Chef Kenneth Collins, now of Tour Restaurant in New York City, Chef Stillittano has honed a skill for creating innovative tastes while incorporating seasonal items and traditional techniques, supported by fresh, indulgent plating.

About Chakra Restaurant

Chakra Restaurant, located in Paramus, New Jersey, features an inviting menu focused on New American cuisine with European and Asian influences. Dominated by candlelight, the restaurant features a low-lit stone water wall, soft, velvet pillow-backed banquettes, Asian throw rugs, a mahogany bar, as well as romantic, silk-tented bungalows. Raised fire crevices fill the old brick walls, which were built from bricks that are over 120 years old.

The 187-seat dark, dramatic restaurant, located 10 miles from New York City, in the heart of Bergen county New Jersey, is open for dinner Monday through Wednesday from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The inviting lounge is open until midnight Monday to Wednesday, until 2:00 a.m. Thursday through Saturday, and until 9 p.m. on Sunday. Happy Hour is offered from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bring Your Own Bottle Nights are held on the first Monday of every month. Chakra's monthly wine dinners celebrate wines from a variety of regions and vineyards. A private dining room, equipped with an LCD projector, is available for special events during the day and night. Chakra restaurant is a three time recipient of the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence. Chakra Restaurant is located at W. 144 Rt. 4 (eastbound), Paramus, NJ For more information, visit www.chakrarestaurant.com or call (201) 556-1530.

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