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**Buckhead Life Restaurant Group Outlines Future Plans**

*Pano's Restaurant to Open in Fall 2012*

**Atlanta**—October 14, 2011— Atlanta's premier fine dining company, the Buckhead Life Restaurant Group (Buckhead Life), unveiled plans today to position the company for the future starting with a nod to the company's past. Fans of the former Pano's & Paul's can look for the opening of the new Pano's restaurant in the late Fall of 2012.

The new Pano's restaurant and dining lounge will be located on the entire main level of 103 West. The dining experience and menu are being designed with broad appeal for upscale Atlanta diners. Award-winning local designer, Bill Johnson of Johnson Studios will collaborate with founder and CEO, Pano Karatassos and his sons Niko and Pano to design the new restaurant. The recently renovated Grand Ballroom downstairs will feature an expanded pre-function space and will continue to be used for private events.

BLRG is currently expanding its highly successful Chops Lobster Bar in Boca Raton, Florida, with the addition of a third private dining room that will accommodate up to 70 people. The private dining room expansion will be completed by the end of 2011. Further, expansion plans include enlarging the popular lounge into a mini-showroom lounge with live entertainment and expanded lounge dining.

Additional developments in south Florida are being pursued and a letters of intent are currently under negotiation for two new restaurants. The first is in Coral Gables is expected to anchor a major hotel and condominium development. The second is on Las Olas in Fort Lauderdale.

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The Las Olas location will introduce a new concept for the company – Lobster Bar Grille. The Lobster Bar Grille will feature a more approachable menu and check average than the original Chops Lobster Bar with menu selections to appeal to a broader market.

Buckhead Life further announced that it will not to seek a new lease for Bluepointe when the current lease expires on November 30, 2011.

“Bluepointe has been a very successful concept for us and very popular with our guests,” explained Karatassos. “Unfortunately, we weren’t able to reach an economically viable agreement with the landlord.”

Buckhead Life has pursued key partnerships to expand its business. In 2011, the company, in partnership with Levy Restaurants of Chicago, agreed to a new 12-year contract with Philips Arena that now includes catering for the entire arena facility.

Buckhead Life also recently partnered with SSP America, Inc., to lead SSP’s bid for concession space with four Buckhead Life concepts at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. SSP, cited in August 31, 2011, Forbes Magazine article as “the leader in the industry” and is known for its unique approach to re-creating iconic local establishments in airports by leaving the day-to-day management and quality control to its local partners.

The Buckhead Life Restaurant operates 13 fine dining restaurants in Atlanta, Georgia and Boca Raton, Florida plus BLRG Sports Catering LLC in Phillips Arena in Atlanta. The Atlanta restaurants include: Atlanta Fish Market, Bistro Niko, Corner Café/Buckhead Bread Company, Buckhead Diner, Chops, Lobster Bar, Kyma, Nava, Pricci, Veni Vidi Vici and 103 West, a private events facility. The Boca Raton restaurants include: Chops Lobster Bar and City Fish Market.

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