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Livingston Restaurant and Bar Debuts on Peachtree Street

Executive Chef Gary Mennie is at the Helm of New Iconic Dining Destination

ATLANTA (April 9, 2009) – Fremont Realty Capital, in partnership with Puccini Group and Crescent Hotels and Resorts, announces the opening of Livingston Restaurant and Bar on April 24, 2009. The restaurant is located across the street from The Fox Theatre and offers Atlantans an innovative, bold reflection of local flavor and history under the culinary direction of Executive Chef Gary Mennie.

The new dining destination takes its name from Livingston Mims, who served as Atlanta's mayor during the early 20th century. Known as a consummate entertainer with a passion for wine and fine food, Mims' two-story residence was located on the northeast corner of Peachtree Street and Ponce de Leon Avenue. With its opening, Livingston Restaurant and Bar proudly claims this same location and pays homage to the strong legacy of Atlanta's spirit and history at this address.

Acclaimed Chef Gary Mennie is at the helm of the Livingston kitchen. He has been an established Atlanta favorite for many years and debuted on the city's culinary scene in 1995 when he was hand-picked to lead the opening team at Canoe. During his tenure there, Mennie's performance garnered him a Mobil Four Star rating. After leading Canoe for 10 years, he opened his first solo venture, the highly praised Taurus restaurant.

"I am excited to return to the city's vibrant dining scene as the head chef of Livingston," said Mennie. "Our innovative local cuisine marries traditional dishes with unique flavors that pay respect to the Atlanta of yesterday and today. I am confident that the menu's design will create a dining experience worthy of the building and area history."

At Livingston, Mennie prepares inventive local cuisine, drawing inspiration from his passion for fresh ingredients and innovative dining. The menu focuses on straightforward, yet refined, American classics that incorporate a modern culinary style. The menu features an abundance of fresh-grown produce and seasonal ingredients supplied by local and regional vendors and artisans. Inventive dishes will include the following items: *White Oak Pastures Flat Iron Steak, Short Ribs and Crispy Gnocchi; Georgia Mountain Trout with Braised Artichokes and Spring Peas; and Riverview Farms Berkshire Pork with Vidalia Onion Tart.*

Designed by Puccini Group, Livingston Restaurant and Bar integrates the historical elegance and architectural details of the space that are enhanced with a warm and texture-rich palette. The dramatic glass entrance invites guests into the two-story dining room, where dark mahogany tables, rich chocolate and sleek charcoal seating are contrasted by white marble columns. Gold

and silver accents are illuminated by an impressive chandelier encased in an iridescent screen, adding dramatic architectural detail to the space. The focal point of the dining room is the view into the exciting open kitchen, as each seat provides a unique view of Chef Mennie and his dynamic team in action. The captivating champagne room is located within the space of the historic revolving door that is visible from Peachtree Street, drawing the attention of midtown passers-by and patrons coming and going to Fox Theatre events. Flanking the dining room are two unique black and white images of some of the city's original socialites. An artistic remake of original candid photographs from the 1939 premier of "Gone with the Wind," held in Atlanta, were used to create the pieces that capture the historical significance of the space.

The Bar at Livingston is Atlanta's newest place to celebrate with its handsome, bustling ambiance. The sleek marble bar, white leather banquettes, charcoal high-back chairs and dark wood floors create a dramatic and sexy interior that remains warm and inviting. With sweeping views of Peachtree Street and the iconic Fox Theatre through dramatic floor-to-ceiling windows, the bar is elegant but modern in spirit and offers guests an exceptional selection of signature Livingston cocktails.

Offering five distinctive atmospheres, Livingston Restaurant and Bar provides a comfortable and urbane culinary option for every guest. As the city's premier pre- and post-theatre destination, show patrons can enjoy signature cocktails at The Bar at Livingston, small plates in the lounge or a multi-course meal in the main dining room. In addition, the upper level of the restaurant, known as The Loge at Livingston, offers a quieter dining experience perfect for downtown business lunches or other intimate occasions, while still in view of the action below. Livingston offers an intimate, tucked away private dining room that can accommodate up to 16 guests for cocktail and dining events and boasts great views of Peachtree Street and The Fox Theatre. Finally, the expansive columned terrace overlooking Peachtree Street features one of the most unique outdoor dining options in Atlanta. Complimentary valet parking rounds out the easy dining experience and is ideal for patrons attending shows at The Fox Theatre.

Livingston Restaurant and Bar is located across from The Fox Theatre at 659 Peachtree St. NE. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner seven days a week. Lunch is available 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. seven days a week and dinner is served Sunday to Thursday, 5 to 10 p.m. and Friday through Saturday, 5 to 11 p.m. Breakfast is available Monday through Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Sunday Brunch from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Complimentary valet parking is located on Peachtree Street. For reservations, please call 404.897.1991 or visit www.livingstonatlanta.com.

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