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**A New innovative creation from Powerhouse Duo
Chef Christopher Gross and Sommelier Paola Embry**

Phoenix....James Beard Award-winning chef Christopher Gross and world-renowned Sommelier, Paola Embry are excited to announce the launch of their new dining and nightclub concept, *Christopher's Restaurant and Crush Lounge*. Located at The Biltmore Fashion Park, nestled between Saks 5th Avenue and Macy's, the venture is slated for a May 2008 opening. It's been no secret that Gross and Embry's combined talents and passion for food and wine have inspired diners and wine enthusiasts in the valley for the past 20 years. "We have been fortunate to have such a loyal customer base at our current location upstairs at The Biltmore Fashion Park, so the decision to remain at the Fashion Park was an easy one for us," said Christopher. Restaurant diners will enjoy the best of casual and elegant dining options selected from the American menu with his signature French-infused cuisine, uniquely created by Chef Christopher and his team. Within the restaurant will be an elegant 12-seat exclusive dining area called *Restaurant C144*, offering a nightly tasting menu. The 120-seat restaurant with its open kitchen that offers diners the chance to sit at the kitchen bar and watch the chefs at work. The versatility of the dining room that can be divided into two distinct areas accommodating 30 and 50 guests each for your private parties. *Crush Lounge*, its companion bar, is the latest labor of love from Paola Embry.

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The Lounge's chic and swanky design will create a sexy and ultra chic experience enabling the perfect setting for intimate encounters. Its lush interior and vibe is sensual, the music urban cool and the atmosphere will be passionate and satisfying. The outside patio was created for the purpose of relaxing and chilling with friends, sampling some fabulous food, cocktails and wine while enjoying the perfect Arizona climate. Both the restaurant and lounge will mix modern and industrial elements into a sophisticated yet hip atmosphere for a truly cutting-edge experience.

HYPERLINK "<http://www.christophersaz.com>" www.christophersaz.com
www.crushaz.com

Hours of Operation

Restaurant: Christopher's main dining room and Patio all-day menu daily from 11am-10pm
Kitchen bar all-day menu daily 11am-10pm /Bar menu daily 10pm-2am
Happy hour Monday-Friday 3pm-6pm
Restaurant C144 tasting menu nightly 5pm-10pm

Crush Lounge: Full bar till 2 am daily/Crush lounge menu featuring artisan cheese plates, antipasto platters and seafood assortment available daily
4pm- 2am

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