

Hexagone opens in Bankers Hill

Bankers Hill Gets a New Side of French cuisine with the opening of Hexagone

Dec. 28, 2008 - [PRLog](#) -- A new side of dining has shown up in Banker's Hill on the corner of Laurel and 5th Ave: Hexagone, a French restaurant and bar created by French Market Grille's Patrick Halcewicz, opened last week.

Named after the six-sided shape of France, Hexagone offers a culinary tour of France with an extensive menu that blends traditional French dishes with updated California cuisine.

"We have over 40 dishes, making our menu one of the largest of any French restaurant in San Diego," notes Halcewicz. "I wanted to offer an array of great French food at reasonable prices and brought two distinct chefs, one with traditional French training and the other with a modern flair, to the restaurant."

Hexagone's menu was created by France native and Executive Chef Daniel Durfort, formerly of Los Angeles' La Parisienne, and Chef de Cuisine, Matt Smith, formerly of San Diego's JSix. Entrees include Braised Short Ribs with Truffle Polenta (\$20), Lamb Shank Nicoise with White Bean Cassoulet (\$24.50), and Muscovy Breast of Duck with Leg Confit and Orange Sauce (\$22.50).

"The food, the bright location, my 15 years of experience at the French Market Grille and another 20 at La Valencia-Hexagone is just ready to be discovered," exclaims Halcewicz.

Halcewicz opened French Market Grille, a bistro in Rancho Bernardo still open today, 15 years ago after working 20 years as Managing Director, "Hotelier to the Stars," at La Valencia Hotel in La Jolla.

"I'm hardly ready to retire," says Halcewicz. "It's a new chapter in San Diego dining. I can't wait for people to enjoy Hexagone."

Hexagone is open for lunch from 11am to 4pm from Monday through Friday, and daily for dinner from 4pm to 10pm.

About Hexagone:

With glimpses of Balboa Park and views of 5th Avenue in Bankers Hill, Hexagone lets patrons explore the culinary creations of each of the six corners of France. Executive Chef Daniel Durfort, a French native formerly from Los Angeles' La Parisienne, and Chef de Cuisine Matt Smith, formerly of JSix and Nine-Ten, unfurl a menu of more than 40 appetizers and entrees. A blend of traditional French dishes and California flavors, Hexagone's daily cuisine can be enjoyed in casual elegance, surrounded by warm décor and bright windows.

Hexagone is located at 495 Laurel Street in Bankers Hill. For more information, visit www.hexagonerestaurant.com or call 619-236-0467.

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