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## **PMHS Opens “*acqua*” at Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport Hotel in Anne Arundel County, MD**

Washington, DC – October 2006 – The Chesapeake Bay-themed *acqua* restaurant announced its official opening at the newly constructed Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport in Linthicum, MD. Developed by The Buccini/Pollin Group (BPG) and operated by PM Hospitality Strategies, Inc. (PMHS), a fast-growing hospitality management innovator, the *acqua* restaurant concept brings new culinary excitement to this booming business and hotel district. “We created *acqua* with our guests in mind, to offer simple elegance, avant-garde design, and unique twists on local culinary traditions,” proclaims Dave Pollin, co-President of BPG.

Under the direction of Executive Chef Ravi Nage, *acqua* restaurant offers freshly prepared American cuisine influenced by Chesapeake Bay area flavors and traditional favorites. Nage handpicks the finest ingredients daily to ensure the highest quality products. Set to be the uncontested leader in service and quality in this locale, *acqua* offers a new all-occasion dining option for visitors and locals alike. Whether seeking a quick lunch or a relaxing business dinner, diners are sure to find what they are looking for at *acqua*.

While the crab cakes speak for themselves, the dinner menu offers a wide array of options from the fresh fish “Daily Market,” which invites guests to create their own meal by selecting their choice of fish, cooking method, sauce and sides, to the various Certified Angus Beef® offerings on the “Butcher’s Block.” Further, Nage boasts a unique interpretation of surf & turf called “Land and Shore,” pairing an *acqua* signature crab cake (or soft shell crab) with a Certified Angus Beef® filet. While the offerings of the “Raw Bar” change frequently to showcase the best available products, regular guests can enjoy the various signature items year round.

The lunch menu is designed to be generous in variety, portion and flavor, providing an attractive meal that is expedited quickly and at a great value for our regular lunch following. Among the most popular lunchtime offerings include the “Salad Mosaic,” allowing guests to build their own salad creations from a wide array of freshly prepared ingredients and side dishes. The *acqua* Club Sandwich features Chef Nage’s signature addition of a fried egg and tarragon mayonnaise to complement traditional club sandwich ingredients. This favorite attracted much attention when it debuted at his previous restaurant, The Federalist, in Washington D.C. For health-conscious patrons, both lunch and dinner menus offer specially-prepared menu options, featuring creative and flavorful dishes listed with their dietary components.

As you would expect, *acqua* features a modern but comfortable lounge offering signature cocktails, an international wine list, premium liquors, and local, hand-crafted beer selections. *acqua* is available for private parties and special events due to its innovative design which ensures privacy for groups of any size. The accommodating staff will also happily prepare carry-out items for people on the move.

“With its bold culinary tastes and energetic and inviting décor, *acqua* is sure to be a hit with the local community. We’re delighted to bring this innovative and lively concept to the airport neighborhood,” says Scott Levine, Corporate Director of Food and Beverage for PMHS.

*acqua* is one of several new dining concepts that PMHS has introduced recently. Other concepts under the company’s umbrella include *The Chairman’s Grill* and *The Lounge*, a retro-contemporary American concept, and *ThoroBreads*, PMHS’ interpretation of today’s coffee, espresso and freshly packaged take-away concept. With bold flavors, cutting edge design, and culinary innovations, we “strive to continuously push the envelope and exceed the expectations of our guests on every level,” says Greg Miller, President and CEO of PMHS.

Located at 1739 West Nursery Rd, *acqua* offers service continually from 11am to midnight, seven days a week. A select dining menu is available at the bar and in the lounge throughout the day.

#### About PM Hospitality Strategies, Inc.:

Based in the Mid-Atlantic with four hotel developments completed in Maryland, PM Hospitality Strategies Inc. is a privately-owned company providing management, development, consulting and accounting expertise for the hospitality industry. Currently concentrated in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast region [U.S.], PMHS manages 14 franchised hotels with Hilton and other companies. These hotels represent approximately 2,500 rooms and 1,200 employees.

PMHS is an award-winning hospitality management organization, dedicated to providing leadership within the industry. Since inception, PMHS’s total receipts have continually grown faster than industry averages and its same store sales have grown in every year since founding the company - including the difficult years after 9-11. Among its many awards in its 10 years of business, PMHS was recently recognized at the HSMIA Adrian Awards in NYC for advertising and web initiatives.

Experienced in hotel development as well, PMHS has participated in the development and/or renovation of sixteen hotels with 2,500 rooms. These projects encompass well over \$300 million in capital improvements. Additional information about the company may be found at its Web site: [www.pmhs.com](http://www.pmhs.com).

At PM Hospitality Strategies, Inc., hotel excellence is our passion and it shows.

#### **About The Buccini/Pollin Group, Inc. (BPG)**

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