



PRESS RELEASE

CITY CAFÉ CLOSÉS FINE DINING RESTAURANT CITY CAFÉ TO GO BISTRO TO CONTINUE

January 2, 2020 – Dallas, Texas: As City Cafe diners celebrated with champagne and song at midnight to ring in the New Year, this “neighborhood gem” fine dining restaurant of 35 years in the Park Cities sadly and reluctantly announced its closing. Although enjoying one of its finest years of reviews and performance, City Cafe was unable to justify continuing operations in the face of increasing pressures of rising lease costs in the Dallas real estate market and the ever-present highly competitive market for fine dining, one of the toughest restaurant markets in America.

Located on the northwest edge of University Park, City Cafe has been an exceptional white linen neighborhood bistro serving relaxed New American Cuisine that impressed even distinguished American Chef Julia Child and was widely recognized in Texas Monthly, Food & Wine magazine, Zagat, Wine Spectator, D magazine and was also recipient of AAA's Diamond Award. The multitude of 5-star customer reviews was the standard. The food was excellent and the wait staff was always attentive and helpful. Most of all, City Cafe was a restaurant with a quiet relaxing environment where customers could enjoy wonderful conversation with a delicious meal. Scene of innumerable ladies' lunches, celebratory dinners, family reunions, lovers' engagements, Valentine Day dinners, receptions, and renewed friendships, City Cafe was the go-to restaurant “when conversation mattered”. City Cafe leaves a shining legacy for other Dallas restaurants to emulate. In an increasingly stress-filled world, City Café provided a subdued and elegant ambiance for people to converse with people over great food and wine.

Special recognition and gratitude go to Karim Alaoui, clearly the most charming and premiere maître d'/host in the Dallas fine dining scene for many years. His knowledge of his customers and their desires was unparalleled and his smile always greeted his diners whether regular customers and visitors or renown celebrities like Isabella Rossellini and President George Bush and his lovely wife Laura. Karim, with a twinkle in his eye and his incredible knowledge of wine, always guaranteed a successful dining experience. Michael Caolo, owner, said “I have enjoyed a wonderful working relationship with Karim for almost 30 years beginning with

Mediterraneo in North Dallas many years ago and he has been a cornerstone to the success of City Cafe.” Caolo’s partner, Craig Feronti, stated that Jessy Morales will continue her duties as general manager for City Cafe To Go Bistro which will continue to serve its customers and will be enhancing and increasing its menu offerings. Caolo continued, “While sad and regrettable, it is gratifying that City Cafe fine dining is closing its doors at the top of its game when the food, service and customer satisfaction have never been higher. It's been a complete joy to be associated with a fine staff both in the front of the house and the kitchen. It's likes will not be seen again soon in the Dallas restaurant market.”

Owners Caolo and Feronti encourage all a City Cafe customers to visit City Cafe To Go Bistro and enjoy the fresh and tasty salads, party sandwiches wonderful entrees and made-from-scratch desserts including its famous “Teamonade” a crowd favorite based on the exclusive raspberry passion iced tea. Whether it's “Dine-In or Take Out”, big groups or small will love the chef-prepared custom-made dishes for discerning palates. And as always, City Cafe To Go Bistro will continue to feature its signature tomato soup and is available for catering and on-site special events.

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