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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Sangria debuts its Mediterranean cuisine and style in Downtown Allentown on the first floor of Butz Corporate Center, 9<sup>th</sup> & Hamilton Streets. Sangria will officially open on Monday, August 23, 2010.**

**Lehigh Valley, PA, August 19, 2010** . . . Restaurateur George Meireles, best known for helping to define Easton as a dining destination with opening the River Grille, Ocean and his Portuguese restaurant, Valenca, now tempts curious palettes with familiar food and signature sangrias from the sultriest of latitudes.

Sangria is located on the first floor of the Butz Corporate Center at 9<sup>th</sup> and Hamilton Streets in downtown Allentown. Meireles and architect Eric Butz have created an atmosphere that is sleek, elegant, and inviting – a truly unique dining experience. With the largest outdoor sidewalk patio in the Lehigh Valley, Sangria will become the destination for great food, cocktails, and events.

Mayor Ed Pawlowski and Greg Butz joined Meireles in the ceremonial ribbon cutting at the Grand Opening of Sangria today. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, Mr. Meireles mentioned how excited he is to open Sangria in Allentown and how



much he is looking forward to offering an interesting and delicious menu of Mediterranean-inspired cuisine. He said, "I believe the residents of the city and region will love the atmosphere we've created and the menu selections we'll offer and they'll return to us over and over again as one of the community's favorite gathering places."

Mayor Pawlowski said, "I thank George Meireles for creating Sangria and for looking favorably upon our great city as a place to do business." Mayor Pawlowski also thanked Greg Butz for his "continued commitment to downtown Allentown, for working tirelessly to fully lease Butz Corporate Center and for attracting such an exciting new dining and entertainment location as Sangria."

Greg Butz said, "We're very pleased that George Meireles decided to open Sangria in Butz Corporate Center and we're all looking forward to enjoying his wonderful creations. Mr. Butz thanked George Meireles and the many others involved in creating and starting Sangria. In closing Greg Butz said, "We've created an exciting new gathering place in our community where many people will experience excellent food, friendship and lots of fun times."

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