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Chef Joël Antunes Launches London Brasserie

London, 27 May 2010 – Returning to the UK after more than a decade abroad, Chef Joël Antunes today opened the doors to his new London restaurant, Brasserie Joël.

Open for dinner nightly, the contemporary brasserie is located in the heart of London's South Bank at Park Plaza Westminster Bridge London hotel.

Antunes' menu is based on a selection of classic bistro dishes that pair the very best-available seasonal ingredients with the expertise he has gained from more than 30 years of cooking in some of the world's leading kitchens.

The menu changes daily to provide the freshest fish, meats and produce, and includes a wide range of bistro favourites such as Traditional Steak Tartar, freshly made Fish Soup, homemade Pork Terrine, hand-dived Scallops, Sea Bass in Papillote, and Tournedos Rossini in Truffle Sauce. Entrees range in price from approximately £12 to £28.

Complementing the French-inspired menu is a wide variety of Old World and New World wines, a dozen of which will be offered by the glass.

In a career spanning more than 30 years, Antunes has worked in some of the world's leading kitchens including Paul Bocuse and Troisgros, Meneau and Maximin in his native France; The Connaught and Le Manoir aux Quat'Saison in the UK; as well as spending time in Asia's best restaurants including Kiyomi Mikuni Restaurant, Tokyo, and restaurant Normandie at the Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok.

By the early 1990's, Antunes' reputation for excellence was well established and he burst onto London's rapidly growing dining scene as Chef and Partner of Les Saveurs, earning the restaurant a host of awards, including a Michelin star. Since then, he launched a multi-award winning eponymous venture, Joël restaurant in

America, as well as holding executive chef positions with the Ritz Carlton Dining Room in Atlanta and consulting chef on the opening at the Oak Room at The Plaza in New York. He counts a James Beard Award among his many American accolades.

Brasserie Joël is open from 5:30 to 10:30 pm nightly. Reservations: +44 (0) 20 7620 7272. Information: www.brasseriejoel.co.uk

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