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**MODERN EUROPEAN CUISINE INTRODUCED TO PORTLAND'S
RESTAURANT SCENE**

Highly Anticipated 'Lucier' Now Open

Portland, Oregon (May 27, 2008) – Lucier, a new restaurant, made its debut on the South Waterfront on Monday, May 26 pushes the culinary and architectural boundaries of Portland's upscale dining scene. Providing a multi-sensory culinary experience that melds sophisticated modern European cuisine with contemporary design, Lucier occupies an unfilled niche in an increasingly epicurean city. Housed in a 7,600-square-foot steel-and-glass structure, the 100-seat restaurant boasts an extensive, world-class 16,000-bottle list with a special section devoted exclusively to vintage champagne. Staffed by a team of seasoned restaurant and service professionals from around the U.S. who have been hand-picked from the nation's finest dining establishments, Lucier promises to be a culinary destination.

When it came to bringing their vision for Lucier to life, owners Chris and Tyanne Dussin sought out the talent and expertise of highly qualified individuals from around the country. Executive chef Pascal Chureau, currently executive chef and co-owner of Fenouil in the Pearl District, will craft Lucier's modern European menu. General manager Donny Sullivan will oversee the front of the house, bringing his passion for attentive, personalized service to Lucier from Gary Danko in San Francisco.

Oregon-ownership

The Dussins, who also own and operate five unique restaurant concepts, are part of an Oregon family with nearly a century of restaurant experience. “We’ve felt like Portland was missing that special restaurant on the water like you’d see in Seattle or San Francisco,” says Chris Dussin. “We also think it’s exciting to create a space that is versatile and great for cocktails and appetizers, a fun late night dessert or a simple glass of champagne.”

Contemporary design

Lucier’s dining room interior is designed to be sleek and serene, featuring the work of New York design team Rafael Alvarez and Brannen Brock, whose edgy creative contributions can be seen in high-profile restaurants like Le Cirque 2000 and Thomas Keller’s Per Se. Other unique features include indoor glass bridges that span over moving water circling the dining area, a 15-foot mountain-inspired glass sculpture and an outdoor living room. “The exquisitely elegant dining room and energetic downtown feel of the cocktail lounge combine to create a truly unique destination designed to offer customized experiences based upon mood and the moment,” said Tyanne Dussin, who oversaw the design.

Inspiration

Lucier’s name is infused with local history and the ambition of its namesake: Etienne Lucier. Lucier was a French Canadian trapper and farmer who helped shape the Northwest’s agricultural heritage, establishing a farming settlement along the east side of the Willamette River. Lucier is located in The Strand on the edge of the Willamette River at 1910 SW River Drive, two blocks south of RiverPlace. For more information, visit www.lucier-portland.com or call 503.222.7300.

About The Dussin Group

Headquartered in Portland, Ore., The Dussin Group owns and operates a total of five unique restaurant concepts: Fenouil, Blue Sage Café, Lucier, The Old Spaghetti Factory and Dussini Mediterranean Bistro. With 94 years in family restaurant ownership history, The Dussin Group offers a unique blend of concepts striving to provide exceptional food and service in distinctive settings.