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THE STONELEIGH HOTEL & SPA LAUNCHES BOLLA, A STYLISH TAKE ON MODERN ITALIAN CUISINE

**- \$36 million renovation features signature dining at Bolla and Bolla Bar spearheaded
by award-winning Chef David Bull -**

April 2008 (Dallas, Texas) – Contemporary Modern Italian cuisine thrives at **Bolla**, the new signature restaurant and bar at **The Stoneleigh Hotel & Spa**. The newest venture from renowned **Chef David Bull**, Bolla – meaning “bull” in Italian – combines fresh and refined tastes, textural contrasts and thoughtful presentation for a truly creative Modern Italian experience. Enveloped in a tailored and stylish interior by Dallas-based design firms Plan B Group and Amber Lewis Design, the 100-seat, Art Deco inspired restaurant and bar just opened with the newly renovated Stoneleigh Hotel.

An Iron Chef America challenger and 2007 James Beard award nominee for “Best Chef of the Southwest,” Chef Bull joins The Stoneleigh from The Driskill Grill, a Mobil 5-Star restaurant in Austin that earned raves across the country and around the state. At The Stoneleigh, Bull offers his own take on Italian cuisine by showcasing a fondness for seasonal and distinctive flavor combinations.

Diners may indulge in a prix fixe format featuring three, six or nine course tasting menus with wine pairings inspired by Bull’s earliest memories of cooking alongside his grandparents. Decadent signature dishes at Bolla include: *polenta with gorgonzola and wild mushrooms*; *baked cod brandade corcchettas, asparagus and tomato broth*; *pork belly diavolo with mozzarella gelato, pork cracklins and celery* and *garlic chive gnocchi with butter poached octopus and asparagus crema*.

With its striking arc-shaped Art Deco bar, **Bolla Bar** stands out as the place to see, be seen and sample the classics with a twist. Bolla Bar will offer an extensive menu of signature concoctions using freshly squeezed juices, premium wines from Italy and the Mediterranean, and an inspired menu of bites and light fare. Among several signature cocktails created for Bolla Bar are a *Bolla-Tini* of vodka, dry vermouth and blue cheese-stuffed olives; a *Puccini* of Prosecco and mandarin orange juice; and the *Bolla Bellini*, an Italian specialty with fresh peach puree and premium Italian sparkling wine.

Bolla is inviting to locals and travelers alike as an intimate fine dining yet neighborhood restaurant. The design plays off the hotel’s historic Art Deco design, prominently

displaying the giant “THE” letters from the former rooftop “The Stoneleigh” sign over the Chef’s Table. The restaurant is transformed into intimate dining rooms with the use of champagne and fuchsia colored draperies, elegant tables and modern banquettes. The historic door casing to the former Lion’s Den was maintained, now functional as the Deco Diamond Wine Tower. A stylish alfresco terrace overlooks residential Maple Avenue while Bolla Bar’s open and flowing lounge beckons guests from the lobby with a feeling of glamour and romance.

Opening rates at The Stoneleigh Hotel & Spa start at \$245 per night. For more information about Bolla and Bolla Bar, please call The Stoneleigh at (800) 921-8498 or visit www.stoneleighhotel.com

Opened in March 2008 after a \$36 million renovation and restoration, The Stoneleigh Hotel & Spa is a legendary, 170-room, Art-Deco hotel on a tree-lined street in the beautiful Uptown residential district of Dallas. First opened in 1923, The Stoneleigh restoration maintains the landmark hotel’s period-style architecture while updating it with modern comforts and amenities. Within the 12-story hotel is a wide range of guest room styles and layouts, among them eight Tribute Suites to legendary past visitors such as Elvis Presley and Judy Garland, as well as opulent Penthouse Suites designed by Carleton Varney of the renowned Dorothy Draper Company. A new restaurant, Bolla, offers innovative modern Italian cuisine created by Iron Chef-challenger and James Beard-award winner, David Bull. The Stoneleigh also boasts a 5,200 square-foot full service luxury spa and fitness center. Interiors feature works by some of Texas’ most talented artists, while an opulent Grand Salon on the top floor, designed by Deborah Forrest of the renowned Dallas-based ForrestPerkins design firm, presents Dallas in panorama. The Stoneleigh Hotel & Spa is a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts and Historic Hotels of America. www.stoneleighhotel.com

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