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Il Gatto Closes in Uptown

*MINNEAPOLIS—(December 18, 2011)—*Il Gatto, located at Lake and Hennepin in Uptown Minneapolis, closed effective December 17, 2011. The closing came about because Il Gatto was unable to align the economics of operating the restaurant with the cost of occupying the premises.

“Parasole restaurants have been a major presence in Uptown for 27 years. We continue to believe in the viability of the Uptown community,” said Kip Clayton, vice president at Parasole. “Parasole is Uptown’s largest restaurant employer and,” Clayton notes, “is experiencing strong sales at our other restaurants in the area, including the Uptown Cafeteria, Burger Jones and Chino Latino.”

Parasole intends to make every effort to place Il Gatto team members at Parasole’s other restaurants and bars in the Twin Cities. Il Gatto gift cards will be honored at the company’s other restaurants. A complete list of Parasole restaurants can be found at www.parasole.com.

“Il Gatto was a critically acclaimed, really great restaurant. We were very sorry to see it close.” stated Clayton.

About PARASOLE

Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, **Parasole Restaurant Holdings** operates the Good Earth Restaurants in Edina and Roseville; Chino Latino and Uptown Cafeteria & Support Group in Uptown; Manny’s Steakhouse, The Living Room & Prohibition at the W Minneapolis – The Foshay; Pittsburgh Blue Steakhouse in Maple Grove and Edina; Salut Bar Américain in Edina and St. Paul; Muffuletta Café in St. Paul’s Como Park neighborhood; Burger Jones in Uptown and Burnsville; and Mozza Mia – Pizza Pie and Mozzarella Bar in Downtown Edina.

By joining the Parasole Dining Club, guests have the opportunity to earn points for the dollars they spend and to redeem them for food and drink at any participating Parasole restaurant. Details at Parasole.com.

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