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**HIGH DEMAND FOR HORATIUS AS AN EVENT VENUE
COMPELS FOUNDER TO SUSPEND DINNER SERVICE**

SAN FRANCISCO — April 6, 2010 — Despite great reviews, founder and owner Horacio Gomes has decided to suspend dinner service at Horatius to turn his focus towards providing an ideal venue for corporate and private events.

Recently celebrating nine months in operation, Horatius has been a market gallery, bistro, wine bar and event venue. The dinner service was initially offered as an evolution of the bistro's daytime success and a way to maximize the usage of the space that features, among other things, an iconic barn door built on site from reclaimed barn wood and hand-forged nails. Natural lighting, atrium-like ceilings and a light, airy atmosphere has defined Horatius as a perfect place for hosting events.

The Barn Door area features a completely state-of-the-art AV system with surround sound; it is used to feature films as well as corporate and private presentations. As the public has become more aware of Horatius as an ideal event venue, including in-house catering, the questions for hosting day time and night time events began to pour in.

“It was a difficult decision to make, but I feel it is the right decision,” says Mr. Gomes. “It broke our hearts to turn away customers even if they came without reservations just to savor the distinctive flavors of Portugal. Of course, that was only happening when we had private parties in progress.”

Horatius still plans to offer some of its most popular dishes like *Caldo Verde* (Green Broth) or the *Bacalhau à Gomes de Sá*, the renowned recipe made with salted cod fish, as a special during lunch. The wine bar offers a diverse assortment of fine wines from Portugal, as well as from Spain and California, to pair beautifully with the cuisine.

Mr. Gomes continues, “I don't discard the possibility of bringing back our dinner service once our contiguous building at 360 Kansas is completed. Also, due to popular demand, Sunday Brunch will be returning. Saturday Brunch may or may not return, since our brunch following mainly consists of Potrero Hill residents who tend to come in bigger numbers on Sunday.”

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Horatius is a San Francisco-based event venue, bistro, wine bar and art gallery that opened its doors on June 16, 2009 and to the public on June 17, 2009 in the Showplace Square/Potrero Hill district.

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