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## Cocina Superior Set to Open this Fall at Brookwood Village

*Bringing Modern TexMex and Urban Style to Birmingham*

Birmingham, AL- Cocina Superior, a one-of-a-kind eatery that seamlessly blends Mexican tradition with contemporary American flare, is set to open in the Fall of 2005 at 587 Brookwood Village. This future hotspot comes to Birmingham from Phil Barbaree and Bob Kirchoff, the guys who brought Birmingham Superior Grill, but diners should not come looking for more of the same. Cocina Superior is a brand new concept, offering innovative Mexican fare at moderate prices, a full bar with everything from Mojitos to Modelo and a vibrant atmosphere that is equal parts casual and cosmopolitan.

Gabe Garza, managing partner of Cocina Superior, says, "We're very excited about this concept and feel sure Birmingham will be excited by our signature menu and bar offerings as well as our distinctive atmosphere." Unique appetizers, like Cocina's Ostones, char-grilled oysters in the half shell topped with garlic butter and quesos and served with hot bread and pico de gallo and time honored Mexican favorites with a modern twist, like the "hamburguesa quesadilla", are highlights of the menu, which also includes gourmet salads, spanking new seafood dishes and the best guacamole this side of the Rio Grande and it will all be served fresh from the exhibition kitchen.

The full service bar will feature an extensive array of Mexican and domestic beers, an impressive wine list, a menu of house drinks that promise to satisfy and of course, hand squeezed lime margaritas! With an outdoor fountain side lounge, a unique glass walled bar, and a special table built right into the bar, Cocina Superior is sure to be *the* place to enjoy the latest cocktail or grab a beer with friends.

Part of what will make Cocina Superior stand out from its sister restaurant, Superior Grill, is its striking design; from warm woods and leathers to sleek stainless steel and glazed glass, the mix of natural and

contemporary elements creates a crisp yet inviting design that is unlike anything in Birmingham. Designed by Mark Knauer, of Knauer Inc. a Chicago based firm, the space is literally overflowing with style, featuring design elements like glass tile mosaics, palm trees, and flush mounted plasma screen TVs at the bar and on the patio. The thoughtfully designed restaurant will also allow for year-round outdoor dining, thanks to a large heated and air conditioned patio.

Cocina Superior will be open from 11:00am until 10:00pm, Sunday through Thursday and from 11:00am until 11:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays. A special brunch menu will be available on Saturdays and Sundays.