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Brad A. Johnson, Modern Luxury's National Food and Travel Editor, Wins Best Restaurant Critic prize at the 2010 Le Cordon Bleu World Food Media Awards



LOS ANGELES (May 11, 2010) Modern Luxury Media's national food and travel editor, **Brad A. Johnson**, has just won the world's top critic prize at the 2010 Le Cordon Bleu World Food Media Awards.

The largest international prize of its kind, the Le Cordon Bleu World Food Media Awards celebrate the best food and drink journalism from around the globe in 24 categories covering cookbooks, magazines, newspapers, television, digital media and photography. Journalists and authors from the USA, United Kingdom, Australia, Singapore, Sweden, Croatia, Canada, Belgium, Slovenia, South Africa, New Zealand and beyond vied for the prestigious Golden Ladles, which were handed out at the awards gala in Adelaide, Australia. This was Johnson's third nomination and first win for his restaurant reviews in Modern Luxury's *Angeleno* magazine.

"The standard of entries in this year's competition was extraordinarily high, and the international judges were faced with an enormous task. That said, the judges were consistent in their agreement on the winners," noted Ian Parmenter, awards jury chairman.

Johnson, who won the James Beard Award for "Best Restaurant Critic in America" in 2008, has established a reputation as one of the country's leading food critics and travel writers. Johnson is the only food critic in America to have won both the Le Cordon Bleu World Food Media Award and the James Beard Award. A chef/restaurateur turned writer/editor, he has chronicled restaurants, wine, food and travel since 1992, following ten years in the restaurant business. He joined Modern Luxury in 2001 and today serves as the chief dining critic of *Angeleno* magazine and as national food and travel editor for the complete portfolio of Modern Luxury titles.

"Brad's journalistic talents have been recognized both nationally and internationally, and we are extremely proud to have such an acclaimed critic as part of our Modern Luxury editorial team," said Alan Klein, President and Group Publisher, Modern Luxury Media.

Johnson's much-anticipated top 100 restaurant picks will be unveiled in *Angeleno's* annual restaurant issue, which comes out in July 2010. Separately, he will bring his award-winning savoir faire to the Las Vegas culinary scene with a special feature running across the Modern Luxury network. Look for Modern Luxury's restaurant issues on newsstands July 1st.

About Modern Luxury

Modern Luxury Media, LLC ("Modern Luxury") is the largest publisher of city-regional magazines in the United States, currently publishing across 13 major metro markets including: New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami, Dallas, Houston, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Honolulu, San Diego, Orange County, CA and Napa/Sonoma, CA. Focused on "luxury lifestyle," including fashion, jewelry, dining, travel, design, automotive, art and architecture, Modern Luxury specifically targets the affluent reader.