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**HOTEL SHATTUCK PLAZA'S FIVE – A MODERN AMERICAN BISTRO & BAR – ANNOUNCES
NEW CULINARY TEAM**

Berkeley, CA – (April 2010) – Located in the heart of downtown Berkeley, the historic [Hotel Shattuck Plaza](#) unveils a new culinary team for Creative Consulting Chef Scott Howard's signature restaurant FIVE – A Modern American Bistro & Bar. Newly promoted Executive Chef Banks White will work alongside Howard and Director of Food & Beverage, Monica Schafer, while staying true to Howard's culinary philosophy. The restaurant's farm-to-table approach supports local, sustainable and organic farmers and ensures that diners experience rich and flavorful cuisine.

About Chef Banks White

A graduate of the New England Culinary Institute, White hails from Texas, bringing his Southern roots and family inspirations to FIVE and adding his own flair to the reinvented American classics. White's resume includes the kitchens of Auberge du Soleil, *étoile* at Domaine Chandon and Leftbank Brasserie. As one of the team members handpicked by Howard to open FIVE, White's experience in catering and special events will aid in maintaining Hotel Shattuck Plaza's TripAdvisor ranking as one of the top hotels for leisure and business in Berkeley.

With Howard and White working together, FIVE's approach on American classics with a modern twist will remain along with the restaurant's signature dishes such as orzo mac and cheese with tomato jam and vanilla butterscotch pudding with peanut brittle.

"The new team at FIVE, both front-of-house and in the kitchen, truly embodies our spirit and approach" says Howard. "As an instrumental part of FIVE ever since its opening, White has long been a key player and will continue to ensure that we utilize our local and seasonal ingredients to bring delicious food to our guests."

Chef Banks White's New Menu Options at FIVE

Inspired by his weekly visits to the local farmers' market, White has launched new menu options for guests to experience FIVE's unique take on American classics and the seasonal local produce from the Bay Area.

- Launched during Easter weekend, FIVE's brunch will be back for Mother's Day due to popular demand. Along with the brunch menu created by White, guests will also enjoy entertainment from a live Jazz trio, unlimited mimosas, and house made truffles for mom. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 9, the brunch is priced at \$45 per person, \$22 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and under.
- The Market Business Lunch offers two courses at \$18 with a choice of an appetizer and entrée or an entrée and dessert. Lunch includes a soft drink or iced tea and both courses can be served in under 45 minutes.

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- Theatergoers and late night diners will enjoy the Dinner Prefix menu. For \$28, the three-course menu will be served throughout the evening for pre- and post-theater dining. White will change the menu weekly to reflect his excursions to the local farmers markets.

ABOUT FIVE

FIVE is a Modern American Bistro & Bar located in the newly renovated Hotel Shattuck Plaza in Downtown Berkeley. Since its opening in summer 2009, FIVE has garnered rave reviews locally and nationally including being named one of the hottest openings in 2009 by Food Arts and receiving three and a half stars (out of four) from Bay Area News Group. Open daily from early morning until late in the evening, the 60-seat bistro and bar is a great spot to gather with friends, host a business lunch, or have a quick dinner or drinks before theater. For more information or to make a reservation, please visit www.five-berkeley.com.

ABOUT THE HOTEL SHATTUCK PLAZA

The Hotel Shattuck Plaza has six floors and a total of 199 gorgeously redesigned guest rooms, including 17 suites. The rooms combine the classic charm of the hotel's turn of the century roots with modern and luxurious amenities such as flat screen televisions and iPod docks. A number of rooms have stunning views of the San Francisco bay and Golden Gate Bridge. To make a reservation and for more information on the Hotel Shattuck Plaza, please visit: www.hotelshattuckplaza.com. Room, restaurant and lobby images are available [here](#). Also visit the property and watch it evolve on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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