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### **10 Years Fresh: Epicurean Group Celebrates Decade of Sustainable Food Service**

LOS ALTOS, California (August 28, 2013) – Epicurean Group, the sustainable food service management company, celebrates 10 years of “fresh, honest, local” service to Bay Area businesses in September 2013.

Operating in Northern California and headquartered in Los Altos, Epicurean Group focuses on using sustainable and organic food that is locally grown. The woman- and minority-owned business was launched in 2003 by CEO Mary Clark Bartlett, a sustainable food service thought leader. Bartlett identified the need for seasonal, locally sourced food and built a successful, values-based company that has revolutionized the food service industry.

“Because we’re an independent regional company, we’ve been able to turn our principles into practices,” says Bartlett. “Sustainability is integrated throughout all of our restaurants and cafés. Our purchasing practices support our community and encourage the growth of organic farms and ranches, sustainable fisheries and artisan producers. In turn, our clients benefit from eating these fresh, healthy ingredients – and they assure us that our food tastes better!”

Bartlett is passionate about changing the food system. Epicurean Group is a participating member of the global Slow Food organization, and supports its local education and advocacy efforts. In 2010, Bartlett established the GreenTown Co-op, to supply compostable take-out containers to Bay Area restaurants at a 25% discount, as part of a larger statewide plan to achieve zero waste. Epicurean Group was one of the first local food service providers certified as a Bay Area Green Business.

With its 10-year focus on local, seasonal and sustainable food, Epicurean Group has brought diners back to the table, connecting them to the natural cycle of food and its production.

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Epicurean Group is an independent food service management company, providing restaurant and catering services to corporations, educational campuses, and fine arts facilities throughout Northern California. Epicurean Group is committed to socially responsible and environmentally sustainable business practices.

*Epicurean Group ... Fresh. Honest. Local.*

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