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### PHOENICIA SPECIALTY FOODS DOWNTOWN AT A GLANCE

**Concept:** Phoenicia Specialty Foods Downtown is a destination for quality culinary ingredients, delicious handmade confections and artisan goods, as well as a one-stop shop for household items. The family-owned market offers food lovers more than 15,000 products from more than 50 countries at down-to-earth prices.

**Cuisine/Products:** The market features quality meats, cheeses, exotic seafood flown in daily, a 25-foot olive bar, and a wine and beer department noted for its unique boutique offerings. Desserts are prepared daily by authentic European and Mediterranean chefs. In addition, Phoenicia Specialty Foods features a unique 150-foot conveyor belt that transports freshly baked pita bread directly from the ovens on the second floor bakery to hungry customers below.

Prepared meals to go, a sandwich station, salad bar and bakery items are also available. Phoenicia Specialty Foods also houses basic household items and housewares.

**MKT BAR:** Featuring live music nightly and weekly specials, the industrial chic MKT BAR offers gastro pub fare and gourmet appetizers, select wines, tasty beers on tap, a unique gelato selection and a wide variety of coffees and teas from around the world. Within walking distance to many attractions downtown, MKT BAR is a perfect place to enjoy before or after a game, a concert or a performance.

**Executive Chef:** Matt Johnson

**Pastry Chef:** Don Woleslagle

**Facility:** The 28,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art market is located on the first floor of Downtown's One Park Place high-rise, across the street from Discovery Green. MKT BAR is

located adjacent to the market on the first floor of One Park Place.

**History:** In 1983, Bob and Arpi Tcholakian, formerly of Lebanon and of Armenian descent, opened Phoenicia Deli, a 2,500 square-foot, Mediterranean-style delicatessen and grocery near Beltway 8 on Westheimer Road. In 1992, Phoenicia Deli leased space to store the many imported goods they were receiving. Soon, retail and wholesale customers started going to the storage space for a case of their desired hard-to-find specialty items, and eventually this grocery section became a small specialty foods market. In 2006, the family further branched out and opened Phoenicia Specialty Foods, a 55,000-square-foot international food market across the street from the deli. The deli, now called Arpi's Phoenicia Deli, as a tribute to the family matriarch, recently moved to a larger location adjacent to the food market. In 2011, the Tcholakians further expanded their enterprise with Phoenicia Specialty Foods Downtown.

**Phoenicia Specialty Foods Hours:** Monday-Friday 7AM-9PM, Saturday-Sunday 9AM-8PM

**MKT BAR Hours:** Monday-Wednesday: 7AM-10PM, Thursday-Friday: 7AM-2AM, Saturday: 9AM-2AM, Sunday: 9AM-8PM

**General Manager:** Haig Tcholakian

**Location:** One Park Place, 1001 Austin Street, Houston TX, 77010 at the corner of Austin Street between McKinney and Lamar.

**Parking:** Complimentary parking is available in the One Park Place garage on a first-come, first-served basis. Enter garage on McKinney.

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