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## Distinctive Gourmet Sets the Standard for Innovative, Unique Culinary Experiences at the Virginia Beach Convention Center

(Virginia Beach, Va., 2007) – The Virginia Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau considers the culinary experience to be an integral part of any convention or meeting. As the exclusive caterer for the new Virginia Beach Convention Center, Distinctive Gourmet delivers imaginative culinary creations to tempt every taste bud.

Distinctive Gourmet is a division of Boston Culinary Group, one of the largest privately-owned, and fully-diversified foodservice management companies in the United States. Their goal is to provide extraordinary culinary and customer service talent, signifying a new standard for quality food service for the Virginia Beach meetings and conventions industry. The Virginia Beach Convention Center food and beverage staff takes pride in offering unique, specialized services to meeting planners and other guests. Examples of their specialized services include customized, themed menus and developing unique table and room settings to suit specific client needs.



Examples of signature dishes include:

**Soup Sips** – A variety of butler passed soups including gazpacho, yellow and red pepper coulis and other seasonal favorites presented in individual cordial glasses.

**Chef Attended Italian Risotto Station -**

Creamy short grain rice with toppings: chicken pesto with roasted peppers, sautéed garlic and wild mushroom sauce and shrimp, scallops and Andouille sausage with roasted peppers.



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*About Distinctive Gourmet:*

Privately owned and operated with over 11,000 full and part-time employees, Distinctive Gourmet manages more than 100 properties throughout the country including stadiums, arenas, civic and convention centers, performing arts theaters, amphitheaters, ski resorts, aquariums, museums and casual dining restaurants including Figs Restaurant, which features the creations of Todd English, one of America's top chefs. Distinctive Gourmet has been the exclusive caterer for the Virginia Beach Convention Center since May 2005.

*The Virginia Beach CVB invites meeting planners to "Bring it to the Beach!" Virginia Beach is four hours southeast of Washington, D.C. by car and within a day's drive or less from two-thirds of the U.S. population. For the latest information and project updates on the new Virginia Beach Convention Center, visit [www.vbmeetings.com](http://www.vbmeetings.com). Media information and digital images are available at [www.vbpressroom.com](http://www.vbpressroom.com).*

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