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**MORO, A BEAUTIFUL NEW RESTAURANT**  
**BY DAS ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS**

**WILMINGTON, DE -- DAS**, one of the country's top design firms is pleased to announce the completion of the beautiful restaurant **Moro**, located at 1307 North Scott Street. Philadelphia based DAS principals David Schultz, AIA and Susan Davidson, IDC worked with chef-owner Michael DiBianca to bring to life his vision for "food without boundaries."

After naming his restaurant Moro, Italian for blood orange, DiBianca and DAS looked to the sought after fruit for design inspiration. When sliced, the colors, shapes and textures inside the blood orange became the palette for DAS to create a warm and inviting atmosphere throughout the 100-seat restaurant.

The two-story building was conducive to small, separate, intimate dining areas each with their own identity. DAS took advantage of the layout and used glass panels and rounded partitions to create several different dining environs, unusual for a restaurant.

Three different lights, reflecting amorphous moro shapes, are used in the various seating areas. Lights are suspended over each table, booth or banquette to create an intimate lighting level. Some are made from hand blown glass in soft organic forms while others are "oversized" with striking style.

Textured and patterned fabrics add an artistic flair to the dining areas. For the wood accents, DAS chose dark stained cherry to match the natural tones found in bark on moro trees. Softly illuminated wine cabinets serve a backdrop for the second floor dining room and entry to the bar and lounge.

Guests can catch a glimpse of chef DiBianca and his talented staff at work in the white and stainless steel open kitchen. For a Mediterranean flair, DAS incorporated red, sun-kissed orange and tangerine tiles in the exposed areas. A visible wood-burning oven is covered with a mosaic of cracked tiles of the same colors.

For guests who would like to enjoy a light meal or a relaxing cocktail before or after their meal, DAS created the casual yet sophisticated upstairs bar and lounge. Some of the exceptional features include custom millwork, hand-carved wood panels dyed with red-orange aniline dye, and hand blown red droplet light fixtures that flank the edge of the 12 seat bar. A multi-layered "blood orange" accent wall envelops soft furnishings covered in fabrics with organic prints.

DAS has developed an exceptional resume of hospitality, retail, corporate and residential projects. Founded by Schultz and Davidson in 1990, DAS offers a full range of architectural, interior design and procurement services. Their philosophy is to create designs that are innovative and beautiful while reflecting the client's goals and vision.

DAS designs are regularly featured among the country's top designers in publications such as ***Hospitality Design, Nation's Restaurant News, Contract Design, Chef Magazine, Restaurants USA, Retail Design, Interior Design*** and ***Interiors***.

The talented staff of DAS, which includes 16 architects and interior designers, is highly-esteemed for their work in creating more than 70 prestigious restaurants including: **Twenty 21**, an upscale dining venture in Center City, Philadelphia; **The Scotland Run Country Club**, in Williamstown, NJ; the award-winning **Novelty Restaurant**, in Old City Philadelphia; an innovative, retail pavilion for **Bucks County Coffee**, at Cherry Hill Mall in NJ; **Roux Three**, a brilliant new restaurant in Edgemont, PA; **Le Bec-Fin**, a top to bottom renovation of one of the country's most acclaimed French restaurants; and the ongoing expansion of **Rat's**, the stunning restaurant located at the world-renowned park and museum, *Grounds For Sculpture* in Hamilton, NJ.

DAS is currently working on significant and exciting projects such as: **The World Café**, a 20,000 Square foot live music performance and dinner theater at the University of Pennsylvania, and **Normandy Farm**, a 75,000 square foot resort hotel, ballroom and conference center created within the gated walls of one of America's most historic farms.

DAS Interiors, Inc., is an affiliate company that specializes in finding unique products and collaborates with skilled artisans in creating custom furnishings and artwork for projects and clients.

Owners Schultz and Davidson are affiliated with the American Institute of Architects, Pennsylvania Society of Architects, Foundation for Architecture, National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Urban Land Institute. Their pro-bono work, both civic and professional, includes: Queen Village Neighbors Association; Old City Civic Association; Philadelphia Regional Urban Design Assistance; Perkins Art Center; ARTSPACE - PVLA; Fleisher Art Memorial; Main Line Art Center; The American Red Cross Ball; and the Beaux Arts Ball for The Foundation for Architecture.

A registered architect in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Schultz is well-known for his award-winning architectural designs. A certified interior designer, Davidson has received many awards including the *Best Renovation* award by *Philadelphia Magazine* for her interior design of the Kevin F. Donohoe Company, Inc.

The offices of DAS are located in the heart of downtown Philadelphia, at 8 Penn Center, Suite 100. For more information or to arrange for an appointment, please call 215.751.9008. [www.dasarchitects.com](http://www.dasarchitects.com)

