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Chef Michael Voltaggio Joins Brizo Kitchen & Bath Company As Culinary Brand Ambassador

With a shared passion for form and function, renowned chef supports Litze™ Kitchen Collection Launch

INDIANAPOLIS –With a mutual commitment to craftsmanship, pursuit of inspiration and shared drive to push boundaries past the expected, award-winning chef and culinary visionary, Michael Voltaggio, joins Brizo Kitchen & Bath Company as the Brizo® brand's first culinary brand ambassador. Through this relationship, Chef Voltaggio and the Brizo brand celebrate unparalleled style and innovation when it comes to the epicurean heart of the home.

To Voltaggio, creating in the kitchen starts with food and permeates into the design of spaces where meals are crafted, plated and served. Similarly, the Brizo brand is grounded in *Living Fashion*, a brand philosophy and driving force underscoring fashion as a lifestyle that informs what we eat, the places we travel and the way we design our spaces.

“Chef Voltaggio is known for his distinctive culinary style and expertise. Every dish he creates unfolds in a perfectly complex way, appealing to all of the senses,” said Laura Brooks, senior brand manager for Brizo. “In the same respect, everything we do as a brand is grounded in inspiring unique spaces with beautiful design and precise execution. As a fan of Brizo products with a strong passion for the creative process, we know Chef Voltaggio embodies our brand mission and are excited to work with him as an authentic, engaging brand ambassador.”

In his work with the Brizo brand, Voltaggio will marry his culinary philosophy of perpetual innovation and his passion for beautiful design with the brands' statement-making, innovative faucet collections. Translating his commercial kitchen efficiency and fashionable aesthetic to aspirational home kitchens, Chef Voltaggio will be featured in Brizo product advertising materials and serve as host at exclusive brand engagements showcasing the high-quality design and innovative functionality of Brizo faucets.

“As a chef and restaurant owner, balancing functionality in execution with culinary style and design on the plate is paramount,” said Chef Michael Voltaggio. “Working with the Brizo team is exciting for me, personally and professionally, because Brizo is a brand that understands innovation does not come at the cost of sacrificing style. The right faucet streamlines culinary tasks as the one tool used throughout the entire cooking process and as the center of my kitchen, so it has to look good and work hard.”

The first creative installment featuring Voltaggio coincides with the launch of the Litze™ (pronounced LEETS-zuh) Kitchen Collection by Brizo® which is defined by purposeful details and craftsmanship. Melding a clean, contemporary sensibility with an artisanal touch, the Litze Collection is a true testament to shape and form.

“The Litze Kitchen Collection is focused on stripping a faucet down to its core shape and adding beautiful details to aid in functionality,” said Jordan Bahler, lead Brizo industrial designer. “Removing pure ornamentation plays a pivotal part in defining the collection's personality, and details like the knurling on the wand and handle are ‘touch points,’ subtly communicating they weren't added to be decorative, but rather to provide grip to these areas.”

The full kitchen collection features a simplistically beautiful bent tube spout rendered in three distinct shapes to complement a variety of design aesthetics. Each design detail, especially the textured knurling, is purposeful to provide practical culinary benefits while celebrating beautiful

craftsmanship. Its versatility is evident in the three distinct spout options — Arc, Square or Angled — that can be paired with either the Knurled Lever or Industrial Lever handle, offering a range of configurations that are equally at home in modern, minimal environments or more industrially inspired spaces.

This is the first Brizo collection to offer the distinctive Matte Black / *Brilliance*® Luxe Gold™ split finish and the first kitchen suite available in the *Brilliance*® Luxe Gold™ finish. The Litze™ Kitchen Collection by Brizo® is now available.

For more information or to locate a dealer, visit brizo.com.

About the Brizo® Brand

Brizo is a luxury fittings brand for those who understand that fashion isn't only about the clothes they wear – it's a lifestyle. The Brizo product team designs and crafts distinctive kitchen and bath suites that artfully blend form and function, transforming minds, moods and spaces. This approach has elevated the Brizo brand and its fashion-forward collections, many of which have been recognized by various outlets and organizations, including Design Journal with its Adex Gold™ Award and the Red Dot™ Award. Rooted in fashion and design, the Brizo brand has been a primary sponsor for fashion designer Jason Wu since 2006 and a national sponsor of the St. Jude Dream Home® Giveaway since 2010. Brizo is the luxury brand of fittings and accessories within the portfolio of Delta Faucet Company, a WaterSense® manufacturer partner of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Brizo products are available exclusively through fine kitchen and bath showrooms. For more information or to locate a showroom, visit www.brizo.com or call 877-345-BRIZO (2749).

About Michael Voltaggio

Michael Voltaggio is the owner and chef of Los Angeles' ink.well (formally ink.) and the artisanal sandwich concept Sack Sandwiches with locations in West Hollywood and LAX's Tom Bradley International. Alongside his brother and chef Bryan Voltaggio, Michael is the chef and partner in the Voltaggio Brothers Steak House at MGM National Harbor, as well as their second project together – the fast-casual concept, STRFSH, showcasing grilled sustainable fish sandwiches – opening October 2017 in Santa Monica, CA. Beginning his career at the age of 15, Michael earned the prestigious Greenbrier apprenticeship at age 19, and went on to helm the kitchens at Dry Creek Kitchen and The Bazaar by José Andrés. Celebrated for having reinterpreted a new class of finer dining at ink. – which received the title of GQ's "Best New Restaurant in America" 2011 – Michael has been recognized as one of Food & Wine's Best New Chefs 2013, winner of Bravo's Top Chef, and hosted the Travel Channel series Breaking Borders. In early 2018, Michael and Bryan Voltaggio will debut their third project together, Monger by The Voltaggio Brothers, located at Downtown Miami's highly-anticipated food hall Central Fare. Follow Michael Voltaggio on Twitter and Instagram: @mvoltaggio.

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