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Renowned Hotel Restaurant is Top Pick for Bravo's Top Chef
Citrus Stands Out as the Only Hotel Restaurant Featured in San Antonio

San Antonio, TX, February 10, 2012 - Producers of Bravo TV's Top Chef Texas chose local favorites as well as nationally recognized establishments for featured locations this season. Among them, Hotel Valencia Riverwalk's [Citrus Restaurant](#) in San Antonio stood out as the only hotel restaurant to gain a coveted spot. Episode 9 showed contestants preparing their dishes in the restaurant's state-of-the-art kitchen and judges including Tom Colicchio taking part in a tasting and discussion in the restaurant's chic dining room.

The hotel's general manager, Chad Taylor, said he was honored when Bravo TV producers asked permission to feature Citrus on the hit reality show.

"It was so exciting to have Citrus featured as the only hotel restaurant on Top Chef this season," said Taylor. "The honors go to our head chef, Jeffery Balfour, and his team, for making Hotel Valencia's name synonymous with exquisite cuisine."

Citrus Restaurant's menu combines distinctive American cuisine featuring local goods and the finest ingredients from around the globe. Chef Jeffery Balfour and his team produce dishes that evoke South Texas in clever, understated and flavorful ways. Citrus has been recognized with awards and profiles in numerous publications.

[Hotel Valencia Riverwalk](#) has also received accolades nationwide for its elegant and sophisticated rooms and suites that feature signature designs by Dodd Mitchell of Los Angeles. The hotel was most recently included in the Conde Nast Traveler Gold List for 2012 and U.S. News & World Report's Best Hotels in the USA 2012.

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