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**THE FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT CONTINUES ITS STORIED LEGACY UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP**  
Arne Hyson and Mario Ortiz to lead ownership group, build on 60 years of fine dining in Old Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 22, 2024 – An institution in the Sacramento restaurant scene will continue its legacy under new leadership, the Harvego family announced today. After nearly 25 years of owning The Firehouse Restaurant (The Firehouse), the Harvego family has reached an agreement to sell the restaurant to a group of partners, led by Arne Hyson and Mario Ortiz. Hyson and Ortiz will be joined by partners Adam Ortnier, Melissa Lance and Christopher Barnett, who have worked closely together with Hyson for more than a decade in healthcare administration. Ortiz better known to many by his first name “Mario” has played a key role at The Firehouse for decades and is a part of the restaurant’s legacy. The ownership group will bring a collective energy to The Firehouse that combines decades of operational excellence with fine dining and hospitality expertise.

“It’s been an honor of a lifetime for the Harvego Family to have been a part of advancing the legacy of The Firehouse,” said Terry Harvego, President. “We have found the perfect fit to take the restaurant into its next chapter in Arne Hyson, who fell in love with the restaurant and its tradition over the course of his time as a guest, just as my dad did. He and his team will bring their business and operational savvy, and fresh perspective and approach, to fine dining and events hosted at The Firehouse.”

For more than 60 years, The Firehouse has been owned and run by two families. Purchased in 1999 by Lloyd Harvego, the elegant 1853 historic landmark was the first fully staffed Firehouse in California. It was reinvented as a restaurant in 1960 and has become a Sacramento favorite for fine dining, group dining and special occasions. Hyson will work closely with his partners to build on the restaurant’s legacy.

“This isn’t a purchase, it’s a legacy and a chance to be a part of history,” said Arne Hyson, Managing Partner. “My partners and I cannot wait to build on the storied history of The Firehouse with energy, excitement and looking toward the future of fine dining while continuing to create elegant experiences for guests of The Firehouse.”

The Firehouse has been one of Wine Enthusiast's "Best 100 Wine Restaurants," and Wine Spectator's "Best of Award of Excellence" for 22 consecutive years.

“Over the years, our family, alongside our dedicated employees, has been honored to help create countless memories and celebrate significant milestones for members of the Sacramento community. We look forward to watching the restaurant’s continued success under the leadership of Arne Hyson and a dedicated team who appreciate the history of The Firehouse and will build on its legacy,” said Harvego.

Additional information about this announcement can be found at [firehouseoldsac.com](http://firehouseoldsac.com)

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#### About THE FIREHOUSE

Winner of Wine Spectator's Best of Award of Excellence for 22 consecutive years, The Firehouse is the most award-winning restaurant in the Sacramento region. Known for one of Northern California's most extensive wine collections, The Firehouse specializes in delicious cuisine and premium wines, and offers a setting that features storied architecture and design. The Firehouse is also home to Sacramento's only authentic underground wine cellar. For more information about The Firehouse, visit its website at [www.FirehouseOldSac.com](http://www.FirehouseOldSac.com) or call 916-442-4772.