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**Famed Fish-Thrower Dan Bugge claims the Big Prize,  
officially taking over as sole proprietor at Seattle's favorite  
Pike Place haunt - Matt's in the Market**

**July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – Seattle, Washington** – Matt's in the Market is thrilled to announce that Dan Bugge, business partner of the past year of restaurant founder Matt Janke, has taken over exclusive ownership of the long-favored Pike Place Market eatery. Matt's legacy as the preferred spot to sample seasonally-selected cuisine with world class wines will continue in the heart of Seattle's most cultural and historic destination.

Janke and Bugge have been working on the ownership transition for the past 6 months, deciding together that this summer would be the best time to make the changeover official. Janke made the move to pass the torch to his longtime friend and trusted colleague in order to spend more quality time with his family while pursuing other projects.

"I couldn't be more excited to finally take over the helm at Matt's, a spot that I've dreamed of running ever since I first came to the market," said Bugge, a longtime favorite Pike Place personality as one of the most talented fish-flingers in history. "I've always know that I only want to work in the Pike Place Market, and taking on Matt's is a natural next step from all my experience handling only the best seafood and getting to know the rest of the fantastic products the market has to offer all year round."

Bugge brought along with him to Matt's Executive Chef Chester Gerl, another market veteran. Chet, a Spokane native, is Matt's new head chef and menu creator. He served as head chef at Place Pigalle for four years followed by a turn as sous chef at Brasa under the direction of Tamara Murphy, before joining Matt's. Together, Gerl and Bugge peruse the market daily to forage for fresh and flavorful ingredients, creating a daily special sheet of innovative, market-driven dishes.

**About Matt's in the Market**

Matt's in the Market is an award-winning minor miracle perched overlooking the renowned Pike Place Market. With a menu that changes to suit the season, Matt's is known for exceptional food along with superb wine, beer, and cocktails. The regularly-rotating menu featuring the freshest ingredients Pike Place Market has to offer has long been a favorite among both in-the-know locals and out-of-town foodies. A recent renovation and expansion doubled the space in size and added a spacious bar to the seating options, making Matt's the ultimate destination as the finest in local dining while also providing the quintessential Seattle experience.

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