

Shells Seafood Restaurants, Inc. Names Restaurant Veteran Marc Bernstein as CEO

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Shells Seafood Restaurants, Inc. (BULLETIN BOARD: SHLL) announced that Marc Bernstein, 38, a veteran restaurateur, has been named Chief Executive Officer to be effective April 14, 2008.

Mr. Bernstein had been employed for over 10 years with Dallas BBQ, a chain of seven high volume restaurants located in New York City, NY, where he served in several leadership positions, including its Director of Operations. Prior to Dallas BBQ, Mr. Bernstein has been the owner / operator of several restaurant concepts in the New York area.

"We are delighted to welcome someone with Marc's extensive restaurant experience to lead Shells through these difficult economic times," said Shells Chairman of the Board Philip Chapman. "His high energy, hands-on management style will be ideal for leading the Shells brand back toward financial stability, profitability and growth."

Mr. Bernstein replaces Leslie Christon, who left the company in March 2008 to pursue other opportunities. The Company also stated that Warren Nelson will retain the title of President, Chief Financial Officer of Shells. Mr. Nelson, who has served Shells for 14 years as its CFO, had been named interim President upon the departure of Mrs. Christon.

The Company manages and operates 23 full-service, neighborhood seafood restaurants in Florida under the name "Shells". Shells restaurants feature a wide selection of seafood items, including shrimp, oysters, clams, crawfish, mussels, scallops, lobster, crab and daily fresh fish specials, cooked to order in a variety of ways: steamed, sauteed, grilled, blackened and fried. Shells restaurants also offer a wide selection of signature pasta dishes, appetizers, salads, desserts and full bar service.

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