

BJ's Restaurants Opens in Torrance, California

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BJ's Restaurants, Inc. (NASDAQ: BJRI) today announced the opening of its 73rd restaurant in Torrance, California, on June 23, 2008.

The new BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse is located in the lifestyle retail and restaurant wing of the Del Amo Fashion Center at 3525 W. Carson Street. The restaurant is approximately 7,800 square feet, contains seating for approximately 250 guests and features BJ's extensive menu that includes BJ's signature deep-dish pizza, award-winning handcrafted beer and our famous Pizookie(R) dessert. BJ's highly detailed, contemporary décor and unique video statement, including several high definition flat panel televisions, creates a high energy, fun and family-friendly dining environment for everyone to enjoy. Hours of operation are from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

'We are very excited to open BJ's first restaurant in the South Bay trade area of the Los Angeles market,' commented Jerry Deitchle, Chairman and CEO. 'Sales for our opening day in Torrance were exceptionally strong. Our new Torrance restaurant is a solid example of the successful execution of BJ's current expansion strategy that is primarily focused on opening new restaurants in mature, densely populated trade areas with favorable demographics and that also have steady, proven levels of retail sales in general. Our Torrance restaurant represents our sixth opening to date during 2008. We currently remain on track to open as many as nine more restaurants during 2008 and thereby achieve our stated goal to open as many as 15 new restaurants and increase our total restaurant operating weeks by 20% to 25% this year.'

Deitchle also commented that several BJ's restaurants achieved record-setting sales levels during the fiscal week of Father's Day that ended on Tuesday, June 17. 'Additionally, during that week, one of our Southern California restaurants became the first BJ's restaurant in Company history to exceed \$200,000 in weekly sales,' said Deitchle. 'This is an impressive achievement when considering that our estimated average guest check is in the \$12 range. Even during these challenging times for the consumer, the BJ's concept remains as popular and approachable as ever, and we are going to keep doing our best to make BJ's an even better dining experience for our guests.'

BJ's Restaurants, Inc. currently owns and operates 73 casual dining restaurants under the BJ's Restaurant & Brewery, BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse or BJ's Pizza & Grill brand names.

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