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T.G.I. FRIDAY'S® HONORS TOP PERFORMERS AT ANNUAL GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

April 3, 2006, Carrollton, Texas – T.G.I. Friday's® restaurants honored its top performers during the annual T.G.I. Friday's Global Leadership Conference, held at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 5 – 8, 2006.

More than 1,200 Friday's® attendees representing 55 countries gathered for the annual conference. Conference attendees included general managers, franchise owners and operators, corporate leadership and supplier partners.

The 'Best of the Best' Gala held on Monday, March 6, honored the following winners:

Overall General Managers of the Year

- Corporate – John Faire, Orlando, Florida
- Franchise – Michael Schnidrig, Vancouver, Washington
- International – Andrey Tumanov, Sheremetyevo, Moscow, Russia

Divisional General Managers of the Year

- East Division U.S.A. (Company) – John Holden, Braintree, Massachusetts
- West Division U.S.A. (Company) – Brian Sawyer, Thornton, Colorado
- Midwest Division U.S.A. (Company) – Sandra Osborn, Batavia, Illinois
- Non-Traditional U.S.A. (airport location) – Ron Hoffbeck, Minneapolis Airport, Minnesota
- East Division U.S.A. (Franchise) – Bob Layman, Wood Ridge, New Jersey

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- Midwest Division U.S.A. (Franchise) – Brad Clark, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Southeast Division U.S.A. (Franchise) – Calvin Clay, Pensacola, Florida
- Asia – Dae Hiue Kim, Daegu (Yeok), Seoul, South Korea
- U.K./Canada – John Cheetham, Sheffield, United Kingdom
- Middle East/ Africa – Berker Sohtoryk, Istanbul/Etiler, Turkey
- Latin America/Caribbean – Fabiola Osnaya, Mexico City, Mexico
- Taiwan – Tommy Hsu, Chung Li/Metrowalk, Taipei, Taiwan

Director of Operations of the Year

- Corporate Operations, U.S.A. – John Ryan, Director of Operations, Southeast Division
- Franchise Operations, U.S.A. – Mike Taylor, Director of Franchise Operations
- Corporate Operations, International – Richard Hsu, T.G.I. Friday's Taiwan
- Franchise Operations, International – Al Herzfeld, Director of Operations, Asia

Along with announcing the general managers and directors of operations of the year, several other awards were announced at the gala:

- Franchise Operator of the Year, U.S.A. – April Rebhun-Fogle, Main Street Restaurant Group
- Franchise Operator of the Year, International – Neeraj Mehra, Kuwait Food Co. (Americana)
- Franchise Developer of the Year, U.S.A. – Livingston, New Jersey-based Briad Restaurant Group
- Franchise Developer of the Year, International – Seoul South Korea-based FoodStar, Inc.
- Franchise Group of the Year, U.S.A. – Richmond, Virginia-based United Restaurant Group
- Franchise Group of the Year, International – Athens, Greece-based Friday's Kifisia S.A.
- Division of the Year, U.S.A. – Southeast
- Highest Annual Sales:
 - Corporate – Westbury, New York

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- Franchise – Tampa International Airport, Florida
- International – London/Haymarket, England
- Supplier Partner of the Year – QSR

The Karl Davis Award, recognizing a company that embodies the spirit of T.G.I. Friday's by consistently exhibiting winning attributes of great leadership, a desire to move the brand forward, cultivating the Friday's culture and demonstrating a "can-do" attitude, went to Kuwait Food Co. (Americana).

Richard Snead, president and CEO of Carlson Restaurants Worldwide, T.G.I. Friday's parent, also presented two President's Special Recognition awards. The first was awarded to Deutsch LA, T.G.I. Friday's advertising agency, in honor of their successful partnership. The second was presented to Bob and Ruth Conway, one of the first franchisees of T.G.I. Friday's, in honor of the passion they have for the brand.

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Carlson Restaurants Worldwide Inc., the parent company of TGI Friday's Inc., is a privately held company owned by Minneapolis-based Carlson Companies, a world leader in the hospitality, travel and marketing industries. As of March 2006, Carlson Restaurants operate, franchise and license 927 restaurants in 55 countries, including T.G.I. Friday's®, Friday's Front Row® Sports Grill and Friday's American Bar®. For more information, visit www.fridays.com.