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New Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant to Open in Katy in Early 2017

Company's first Houston-area location scheduled to open at the Shoppes at Parkwest

LUBBOCK, Texas – Construction is well underway on the new Abuelo's Mexican restaurant, which is scheduled to open at 24600 Katy Freeway, Suite 1020, at the Shoppes at ParkWest in the first quarter of 2017. This will be Abuelo's first location in the Houston-area and the company's 39th location nationwide.

The new Abuelo's will feature approximately 7,600-square-feet of interior space and will include an outdoor, climate controlled patio with operable doors that can be opened in nicer weather or closed as needed. It will also feature a natural light skylight over an interior courtyard, with a mix of both modern and traditional Mexican décor. The restaurant will seat approximately 270 guests and will employ between 80-100 employees.

"After many years of guest requests and researching various sites in the Houston area, we are thrilled to expand Abuelo's into this market," said Robert Lin, President of FCI. "We expect the Katy location to be an excellent fit for us and we're looking forward to being an active member of the community.

The new Abuelo's location will feature a menu rich with creative, made-from-scratch Mexican specialties, as well as superior service and affordable prices, for which Abuelo's is known.

"Our theme at Abuelo's is 'welcome to our home,'" said Robert Lin, president of Food Concepts International, Abuelo's parent company. "Our goal is to offer our guests an opportunity to experience diverse flavors every day, in an authentic Mexican villa with superior service— whether it's for a quick lunch with co-workers or a casual dinner with family or friends."

Abuelo's, which has consistently been on the leading edge of Mexican cuisine, is famous for its creative, made-from-scratch Mexican cuisine, superior service and affordable prices. Abuelo's menu selections combine authentic standards with the rich, subtle flavors of coastal and interior Mexican cuisine. Abuelo's House Specialties, which combine beef tenderloin, fresh shrimp, Barramundi, salmon and other top-quality ingredients with unique, homemade sauces and side dishes, have earned a reputation for "raising the bar" of Mexican food restaurants. The menu also features an impressive selection of fire-grilled fajitas, enchiladas, tacos, chile rellenos, quesadillas and tamales. Desserts include Abuelo's award-winning traditional Mexican flan and Margarita pie with tequila cream sauce, among others.

About Abuelo's

Since its first opening in 1989, Abuelo's has consistently been on the leading edge of Mexican cuisine, combining menu creativity, outstanding food and beverage quality, colorful plate presentations and superior service in a true Mexican courtyard atmosphere. Abuelo's has received national accolades as the top-ranked Mexican food restaurant and as one of America's top overall restaurant chains in four consecutive biennial surveys by a leading national consumer rating magazine. Owned and operated by Food Concepts International in Lubbock Texas, the company currently has 38 full-service restaurants located in 13 states, and a fast casual Abuelo's Taqueria, located in Lubbock, Texas. For more information, visit www.abuelos.com or Abuelo's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Abuelos.

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