

## **Granite City Food & Brewery Appoints Darius Gilanfar as Senior Vice President of Operations**

**MINNEAPOLIS [October 24, 2007]** — Granite City Food & Brewery Ltd. (**Nasdaq:GCFB**) a Modern American upscale casual restaurant today announced the appointment of Mr. Darius Gilanfar to the new position of Senior Vice President of Operations.

Mr. Gilanfar previously served as the Chief Operating Officer of Copeland's Famous New Orleans Restaurant Bar and Bistro where he brought strategic focus to restaurant-level management, provided strong sales building techniques and was instrumental in building stronger restaurant operating margins through disciplined programs and oversight. Mr. Gilanfar has over 20 years of progressive management experience with various multi-unit national brands including The Cheesecake Factory, Brinker International and Barnes and Noble.

"Darius will be a very valuable asset to the operations side of our business as we continue to expand," commented Steve Wagenheim, CEO and President. "Darius brings a strong background of multi-unit operations oversight and management development. His experience with larger companies that have sustained high quality food standards and strong service cultures will help us as we continue to expand our brand to the next level of growth," continued Wagenheim.

Granite City Food & Brewery Ltd. is a Modern American upscale casual restaurant chain that operates 20 restaurants in 10 states. The menu features affordable yet high quality family favorite menu items prepared from made-from-scratch recipes and served in generous portions. The sophisticated yet unpretentious restaurants, proprietary food and beverage products, attractive price points and high service standards combine for a great dining experience. Granite City opened its first restaurant in 1999 and is expanding from its Midwestern base. Additional information about Granite City Food & Brewery can be found at the company's website ([www.gcfb.net](http://www.gcfb.net)).

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