

Granite City Food & Brewery Ltd. Receives Prestigious Hot Concepts! Award from Nation's Restaurant News

MINNEAPOLIS [August 1, 2007] — Granite City Food & Brewery Ltd. (**Nasdaq:GCFB**) a Modern American upscale casual restaurant, was recently honored as one of six "Hot Concepts!" by Nation's Restaurant News (NRN) annual program that recognizes forward-thinking companies with emerging growth potential. Selected by the editors of NRN, each winner must be a clearly-defined concept that appeals to consumers and positions the company at the leading edge of the restaurant business. Granite City, recognized for its innovation, successful business strategies and entrepreneurial spirit will be honored during the 13th annual Hot Concepts! Celebration at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel & Spa in Los Angeles on September 29, 2007.

For more than a decade the editors of Nation's Restaurant News have selected innovative restaurant brands that have distinguished themselves as Hot! The Hot Concepts! Designation has introduced the restaurant industry to several brands that have gone on to become industry leading brands.

"We are extremely honored to be recognized as one of the country's hottest restaurant concepts," commented Steve Wagenheim, Granite City's CEO. "We believe our clearly-defined and differentiated concept has been well received in each community we have entered. We are very excited about our growth plans for the remainder of 2007 and into 2008."

Granite City Food & Brewery Ltd. is a Modern American upscale casual restaurant chain that operates 19 restaurants in 9 Midwestern 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).

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