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**LANDRY'S RESTAURANTS, INC. ("LNY"/NYSE) REPORTS
FOURTH QUARTER 2005 REVENUES OF \$328.8 MILLION AND
\$0.18 EARNINGS PER SHARE**

Houston, Texas (FEBRUARY 22, 2006)

Landry's Restaurants, Inc. (NYSE: LNY) (the "Company"), one of the nation's largest casual dining, hospitality and entertainment companies announced its earnings for the fourth quarter and for the year ended December 31, 2005, which include record revenues of \$328.8 million and \$1,254.8 million, respectively, and include the first full quarterly results of the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casinos in Las Vegas and Laughlin, Nevada acquired on September 27, 2005. Same store sales for the Company, excluding the Gaming division, were a positive 1.7% for the quarter. Revenues for the three months ended December 31, 2005, totaled \$328.8 million, as compared to \$259.8 million a year earlier. Net earnings for the quarter were \$3.9 million, or \$0.18 per diluted share, compared to \$13.0 million, or \$0.49 per diluted share for 2004. The 2005 fourth quarter results reflect interest expense for the Company, excluding the Gaming division, of \$11.4 million before taxes, as opposed to 2004 interest expense of \$3.9 million. Included in the 2004 amounts are two infrequent items: a \$16.6 million expense (\$11.3 million after tax) associated with the Company's December refinancing and a net \$18.5 million income tax benefit (income) from recognizing the remaining previously reserved tax assets related to the tax benefits acquired with the Rainforest Cafe restaurants. Excluding the effects of these infrequent items from 2004, adjusted earnings per share (diluted) for the fourth quarter 2004, were \$0.22.

Tilman J. Fertitta, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "We are extremely pleased with the Golden Nugget results for the quarter, which included net revenues of \$62.9 million and EBITDA of \$11.3 million versus \$4.8 million in 2004. These results demonstrate the strength of the Golden Nugget brand. We will continue to focus on the core Golden Nugget customer and delivering a high quality experience while maintaining disciplined cost controls. I am confident that the strong and seasoned Golden Nugget management team will continue to deliver exceptional results while our renovation and expansion plans will accelerate these results."

Rick H. Liem, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer stated, "We exceeded consensus estimates despite the adverse affects of Hurricane Wilma of approximately \$0.02 per share (diluted) and the spike in utility costs of an additional \$0.09 per share (diluted) offset by a decreased tax rate of \$0.01 per share (diluted)."

"Over 300 properties Coast to Coast!"



LANDRY'S RESTAURANTS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS (000's except per share amounts)

	FOR THE QUARTER ENDED December 31, 2005	FOR THE QUARTER ENDED December 31, 2004	FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED December 31, 2005	FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED December 31, 2004
REVENUES	\$ 328,798	\$ 259,805	\$ 1,254,806	\$ 1,167,475
COST OF SALES	77,924	72,533	333,028	326,108
LABOR	109,263	78,263	377,215	337,633
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	87,910	67,834	311,648	282,412
UNIT LEVEL PROFIT	\$ 53,701	\$ 41,175	\$ 232,915	\$ 221,322
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	14,445	12,899	57,694	58,320
PRE-OPENING COSTS	1,265	984	4,772	5,203
DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION	18,018	14,616	63,493	57,294
ASSET IMPAIRMENT EXPENSE	-	-	-	1,709
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 19,973	\$ 12,676	\$ 106,956	\$ 98,796
OTHER EXPENSE (INCOME)	14,694	20,559	41,533	28,729
INCOME BEFORE TAXES	5,279	(7,883)	65,423	70,067
TAX PROVISION	1,362	(20,925)	20,608	3,545
NET INCOME	\$ 3,917	\$ 13,042	\$ 44,815	\$ 66,522
EARNINGS PER SHARE - (Basic)	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.51	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.46
AVERAGE SHARES - (Basic)	21,300	25,600	22,300	27,000
EARNINGS PER SHARE - (Diluted)	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.49	\$ 1.95	\$ 2.39
AVERAGE SHARES - (Diluted)	21,900	26,400	23,000	27,800
EBITDA (Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization):				
Total Operating Income	\$ 19,973	\$ 12,676	\$ 106,956	\$ 98,796
Add Back:				
Depreciation and Amortization	18,018	14,616	63,493	57,294
Asset Impairment Expense	-	-	-	1,709
Non Cash Charges	-	435	-	508
EBITDA	\$ 37,991	\$ 27,727	\$ 170,449	\$ 158,307

EBITDA is not a generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") measurement and is presented solely as a supplemental disclosure because the Company believes that it is a widely used measure of operating performance in the restaurant industry. EBITDA is not intended to be viewed as a source of liquidity or as a cash flow measure as used in the statement of cash flows. EBITDA is simply shown above as it is a commonly used non-GAAP valuation statistic.

LANDRY'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
CONDENSED UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEETS
(\$ in Millions except per share amounts)

	December 31, 2005 <i>(unaudited)</i>	December 31, 2004
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 39.2	\$ 201.4
Other Current Assets	<u>107.2</u>	<u>96.1</u>
Total Current Assets	146.4	297.5
Property & Equipment, Net	1,380.3	1,007.3
Other Assets	<u>85.9</u>	<u>40.2</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,612.6</u>	<u>\$ 1,345.0</u>
Current Liabilities	\$ 220.5	\$ 136.0
Long-Term Debt	816.0	559.5
Other Non-current	<u>59.3</u>	<u>48.6</u>
Total Liabilities	1,095.8	744.1
Total Stockholders' Equity	<u>516.8</u>	<u>600.9</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$ 1,612.6</u>	<u>\$ 1,345.0</u>
Net Book Value per share	<u>\$ 23.93</u>	<u>\$ 23.47</u>