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LANDRY'S RESTAURANTS ANNOUNCES FIRST INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION OF ITS MOST POPULAR CONCEPT

**Joe's Crab Shack to Open in Cairo in Summer of 2006,
Along With Ninth International Rainforest Cafe**

HOUSTON, March 15 / PRNewswire-FirstCall – Landry's Restaurants, Inc. (NYSE: [LNY](#) - [News](#)), one of the nation's largest casual dining, entertainment and hospitality companies, announced that Joe's Crab Shack is going global with its unbeatable combination of great seafood, fun family atmosphere and low prices, setting up shop next to a brand-new Rainforest Cafe in Cairo, Egypt in the summer of 2006.

Both Joe's, which is opening up its first international location, and Rainforest Cafe, opening its ninth, are owned by Landry's Restaurants, Inc., who is partnering with Sewedy Foods, one of the fastest-growing restaurant companies in the Middle East, to open and operate the restaurants in Cairo.

The two restaurants will be located in the Stars Centre shopping center in the Citystars development. Located in the prestigious Heliopolis area, Citystars is a multi-use development featuring three hotels, numerous residential units and extensive shopping and entertainment options. Millions of tourists visit Cairo every year, many from European countries and the Middle East.

"Having established Landry's as one of the leading U.S. dining and entertainment companies, we now are looking to expand our presence in other countries," said Tilman Fertitta, Landry's president, chairman and CEO. "Both Joe's and Rainforest Cafe are well-suited to the busy Cairo market."

"We are excited to be the pioneers in bringing the first international seafood concept to the Middle East with Joe's Crab Shack," said Sewedy Foods CEO Ahmed Aawar.

Joe's Crab Shack, first acquired by Landry's in 1994, is known for its casual, fun and relaxed atmosphere at its 150-plus U.S. locations. The restaurant is built to resemble an old fishing camp and is decorated with memorabilia, rambling decks, mismatched tile-top tables and picnic benches. Guests can indulge in heaping platters of tasty crabs, shrimp, fish and lobster at Joe's, which is among the fastest-growing of Landry's many distinctive restaurant concepts.

Guests at Joe's in Cairo will be able to take their pick from Alaskan King crabs, Dungeness crabs and snow crabs, along with seafood combinations, colorful salads, bountiful sandwiches, chicken and much more.

Adventure is the specialty of the house at the Rainforest Cafe, acquired by Landry's in 2000. Guests are treated to a feast for all the senses, with the recreation of the sights, sounds and feel of a tropical rain forest through innovative and detailed uses of décor, animatronics and special effects. Simulated rainstorms complete with thunder and lightning contribute to the overall ambience of the restaurant.

"My wife and I fell in love with the Rainforest Cafe concept the moment we began our dining adventure," said Hesham Elsewedy, CEO of Elsewedy Industries, the holding company that owns Sewedy Foods.

Entree selections at the Rainforest Cafe will include a myriad of salads, soups, pastas, pizzas, sandwiches, burgers, seafood, beef, chicken dishes and much more. Both menus will also feature some specialties of the Middle East, giving the restaurants a local flavor. Both locations will feature retail shops offering souvenirs, T-shirts, hats and collectibles.

Landry's owns and operates or licenses eight other Rainforest Cafe restaurants internationally in cities including Toronto, Niagara Falls, London, Paris, Tokyo and Mexico City, along with 26 locations in the U.S.

About Landry's Restaurants, Inc.

Houston-based Landry's Restaurants, Inc., is one of the nation's largest and fastest growing casual-dining and entertainment companies. Publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol LNY, Landry's owns and operates more than 300 properties, including Landry's Seafood House, Joe's Crab Shack, The Crab House, Rainforest Cafe, Charley's Crab, Willie G's Seafood & Steak House, The Chart House and Saltgrass Steak House. Landry's also owns several icon developments, including: Downtown Aquarium complexes in Houston and Denver; the Golden Nugget hotel-casinos in Nevada; and Kemah Boardwalk, a magnificent 40-acre, family-oriented themed entertainment destination. The Company employs 38,000 workers in 36 states.

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