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## FIRST WATCH OPENS WITH FRESH BRUNCH COCKTAILS IN RICHMOND, TX

Daytime café opening Monday at the Aliana Shopping Center

RICHMOND, TX - September 20, 2021 - First Watched opened today Monday, September 20th at 10505 West Grand Parkway, Ste. 100, Richmond, TX, brunch fans in the Greater Houston Area will notice some elevated options on its menu.

First Watch's curated menu takes an elevated approach to traditional and innovative offerings made-to-order, using farm fresh ingredients. The menu includes crave-able items such as Avocado Toast, Smoked Salmon Eggs Benedict, Farm Stand Breakfast Tacos and Lemon Ricotta Pancakes. The new restaurant will offer healthy, flavorful favorites like house-made granola and pico de gallo, organic greens, house-roasted vegetables and cage-free eggs as well as more indulgent, traditional breakfast, brunch and lunch offerings. First Watch - Richmond will also offer options from the restaurant's Juice Bar – including the best-selling Morning Meditation – juiced in-house daily using only the highest quality fruits and vegetables. The new restaurant will also feature a bar serving fresh brunch cocktails like Mimosas, Bloody Marys and the concept's signature Vodka Kale Tonic.

The interior brightly builds upon First Watch's Urban Farm design prototype with the addition of warm blue tones, quartz countertops, a subway-tile backsplash, and a grab-and-go retail area showcasing Sweet Street's new line of GMO-free, additive-free desserts for purchase and fresh ground Project Sunrise coffee, grown by an independent group of female farmers in Huila, Colombia, called Mujeres en Café. Communal tables as well as patio and bar seating make First Watch a great place for guests to work remotely in an approachable atmosphere.

The new restaurant is owned by Houston-based franchise group, MH(FW) RESTAURANTS LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of MAC HAIK ENTERPRISES LTD (MHE). Mac Haik, former wide receiver for the Houston Oilers, is one of First Watch's largest franchise groups. Haik was formerly The Egg & I's largest franchisor when the Houston businessman sold his 30restaurant entity to First Watch in May 2015. MH(FW) RESTAURANTS LLC presently owns and operates 16 First Watch locations located in Katy, Cypress, Champions Forrest, Pearland, League City, Baytown, Austin and College Station.

First Watch serves its entire menu seven days a week from 7 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

## **About First Watch**

First Watch specializes in award-winning Daytime Dining restaurant concept serving made-toorder breakfast, brunch and lunch using fresh ingredients. First Watch offers traditional favorites, such as omelets, pancakes, sandwiches and salads, alongside specialty items like Quinoa Power Bowl®, Avocado Toast and the Chickichanga. There are more than 420 First Watch restaurants in 28 states, and the restaurant concept is majority owned by Advent International, one of the world's largest private-equity firms. For more information, visit firstwatch.com.

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