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El Pollo Loco Announces the Grand Opening of New Restaurant in Las Vegas, NV

COSTA MESA, Calif., Dec. 20, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>El Pollo Loco</u> (Nasdaq:LOCO), the nation's leading fire-grilled chicken chain, opened its newest location in Las Vegas, NV today. The new restaurant, located at 9460 W. Sahara Ave., is the 22nd location to open in the Las Vegas market.

"We are excited to continue expanding in the state of Nevada and offer another convenient destination for individuals and families to enjoy our handcrafted dishes," said Steve Sather, Chief Executive Officer at El Pollo Loco. "Our signature citrus-marinated, fire-grilled chicken is a crowd pleaser and the core of everything we do at El Pollo Loco. We look forward to sharing our flavorful chicken meals and delicious Mexican-inspired entrees with more members of the Las Vegas community."

The brand's signature citrus-marinated chicken is prepared on an open flame grill by El Pollo Loco Grill Masters before it is hand-cut and served in its chicken meals and crave-worthy Mexican-inspired entrees. Whether guests are looking for a family chicken meal, burrito, salad, quesadilla, or under 500-calorie options, El Pollo Loco has a wide variety of flavorful offerings.

The 2,234 square foot restaurant has seating for 48 guests and features the brand's Vision design, which highlights an authentic, Mexican-inspired atmosphere and encompasses El Pollo Loco's menu and brand identity. The new design features warm textures, rustic elements and a focus on the company's signature open kitchen layout which allows for guests to view El Pollo Loco's signature chicken as it is fire-grilled. The restaurant is open daily from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

El Pollo Loco's new online and mobile app ordering capabilities will be available to guests at the new Las Vegas location. Guests are encouraged to download the El Pollo Loco app in the <u>iTunes App Store</u> or <u>Google Play</u> or visit <u>order.elpolloloco.com</u> to order and pay ahead, and avoid waiting in line.

For promotions and news on the new Las Vegas location, fans can follow the restaurant's <u>local Facebook page</u>. El Pollo Loco fans are also encouraged to join the My Loco Rewards Program. New members that sign up will receive a voucher for a free Taco al Carbon. My Loco Rewards members also receive exclusive offers, information about new menu items, promotions, events and more. To learn more about El Pollo Loco, please visit <u>www.elpolloloco.com</u> or check them out on <u>Facebook, Twitter, Instagram</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

About El Pollo Loco

<u>El Pollo Loco</u> (Nasdaq:LOCO) is the nation's leading fire-grilled chicken restaurant chain renowned for its masterfully citrus-marinated, fire-grilled chicken and handcrafted entrees using fresh ingredients inspired by Mexican recipes. With more than 450 company-owned and franchised restaurants in Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas and Utah, El Pollo Loco is expanding its presence in key markets through a combination of company and existing and new franchisee development. Visit us on our website at <u>ElPolloLoco.com</u>.

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