



Award-winning Hospitality Concept, Yardbird Southern Table & Bar Enters Joint Venture Partnership with TriSpan Rising Stars With Plans to Expand Worldwide

Miami, FL (November 6, 2017) – Yardbird Southern Table & Bar announced today that it has received a significant growth investment from TriSpan Rising Stars LP. The investment will enable Yardbird to expand its concept across the US and in international markets.

Founded in 2011 in Miami, FL, by acclaimed restaurateur John Kunkel, Yardbird Southern Table & Bar is a polished casual concept known for its farm-fresh menu, offering the highest-quality classic Southern cuisine and inventive handcrafted cocktails. Yardbird offers a unique and authentic dining experience built around 100-year old family recipes, served in a warm, welcoming environment. Yardbird has a history of high average unit volumes (AUVs) and consistent performance in Miami, Las Vegas and Singapore.

Recognized for the modern renditions of classic, home-style favorites, the menu is renowned for its famous Lewellyn's Fine Fried Chicken n' Waffles, Deviled Eggs and house-made buttermilk biscuits. The down to earth menu preaches the gospel of good food, farm-fresh and made-from-scratch flavors. The menu is a journey of classic Southern cooking that has been peppered with a complex yet unique style. These flavors break the traditional constraints of Southern cooking, resulting in an offering that is classic and simple, always remaining elegant. This cooking creates a menu that is always satisfying and good for the soul.

The growth capital from TriSpan Rising Stars will support continued brand development and expansion for future and existing properties. In addition to the debut of Yardbird at the Beverly Center in Los Angeles (opening early next year), Yardbird plans to continue to open units in top locations both across the US and internationally.

"We are impressed by TriSpan's understanding of the food and beverage industry and what it takes to grow a strong brand," said John Kunkel Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Yardbird Southern Table & Bar. "TriSpan appreciates our commitment to continually providing

our guests with high-quality, made-from-scratch, classic Southern cuisine and exceptional customer service. Ultimately, TriSpan's willingness to invest in the long-term success of the Yardbird brand and their alignment with our values makes them the perfect partner to help us execute our growth strategy."

"Yardbird is an authentic Southern dining experience with a highly differentiated product offering" said Marc Cummins, Partner at TriSpan. "John is a proven, innovative restaurant operator with a history of success. Yardbird is well positioned for long-term growth given its broad consumer appeal and excellent operating economics and we are excited to partner with John to build the outstanding Yardbird brand in major US cities and internationally."

About Yardbird Southern Table & Bar

Founded by John Kunkel in 2011, Yardbird Southern Table and Bar is founded on the premise of farm fresh ingredients and classic Southern cooking, culture and hospitality. Yardbird has received multiple accolades including a James Beard nomination for best new restaurant, the south's best fried chicken by Southern Living, one of America's best Bourbon Bars by the Bourbon Review and best new restaurant by Bon Appétit.

For more information, please visit www.runchickenrun.com

About TriSpan Rising Stars

TriSpan is an independent and management controlled private equity platform backed by leading family investment groups from Europe, United States & Middle East with offices in New York, London and Dubai. TriSpan Rising Stars is a unique private equity fund that focuses on growth investing in the global restaurant sector. Its investment team is one of the most experienced in this space globally having committed over \$400mn of growth capital into over 20 restaurant investments.

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