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Chick-fil-A Names Carlos Brito Franchise Owner of Newest Tampa Restaurant; Hiring of up to 125 Team Members Begins for Tampa Stadium Location

TAMPA, Fla. (June 23, 2017) – After serving our country for over 20 years, Carlos Brito has been named franchise owner of the restaurant under construction at **2551 N. Dale Mabry Hwy.**, and looks forward to opening Tampa's newest Chick-fil-A restaurant opening later this summer bringing 125 new jobs to the community.

Brito, who will be involved in the day-to-day operation of the new restaurant, is hiring 125 team members. Applications will be made available in July. Interested applicants can access applications via <https://www.facebook.com/cfatampastadium> or by applying at the new restaurant. He is looking to hire full-time and part-time positions to work in all areas of the restaurant, including leadership positions focused on talent, training and administrative support. Among other benefits that include scholarships for continuing education, Chick-fil-A restaurant team members appreciate having Sundays off, flexible schedules, and the family atmosphere fostered at the restaurant.

Brito's desire to become an Chick-fil-A Operator began years ago. In 2001, he was introduced to the company and continued to learn as much as he could about the brand. Brito graduated from St. Leo University with a degree in computer information systems and then went on to obtain his master's in divinity and human service counseling. In 2009, he was accepted as an active duty chaplain for the U.S. Air Force and would go on to serve our country for the next seven years. His love for the brand and desire to make a difference in his community fueled his yearning to continue his Chick-fil-A journey. Intrigued by and curious about the brand, he began spending time in Chick-fil-A restaurants, getting to know the menu and immersing himself in the company's culture. While still serving in the Air Force an opportunity presented itself for him to apply to be an franchise owner.

From among the 27,000 applicants Chick-fil-A receives each year for about 100 locations, Brito was selected as the Operator of the new Tampa Stadium location. He is thrilled to continue the chain's legacy of award-winning customer service and handcrafted menu items to a city he and his family have made their new home.

"My team members and I can't wait to serve the Tampa community," said Brito. "We're not just in the chicken business — we're in the people business. Our goal is to serve food our guests can feel great about enjoying in an environment that feels like family."

The Tampa Stadium Chick-fil-A restaurant, projected to open in late August, is among 102 Chick-fil-A locations that will open this year, creating nearly 9,000 new jobs. More information about the newest Tampa Chick-fil-A restaurant can be found by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/cfatampastadium>.

About Chick-fil-A, Inc.

Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A, Inc. is a family owned and privately held restaurant company founded in 1967 by S. Truett Cathy. Devoted to serving the local communities in which its franchised restaurants operate, and known for its original chicken sandwich, Chick-fil-A serves freshly prepared food in more than 2,175 restaurants in 46 states and Washington, D.C. Chick-fil-A system sales reached nearly \$8 billion in 2016, which marks 49 consecutive years of sales growth. In 2017, Chick-fil-A received the top score among fast food brands and one of the top 10 scores overall for customer experience in the Temkin Experience Ratings survey. In 2016, Chick-fil-A was named the Technomic Consumer's Choice for "providing value through service," named the "the most polite restaurant in the country" in QSR Magazine's annual drive-thru report and was the only restaurant brand named to the Top 10 "Best Companies to Work For" by

24/7 Wall St. More information on Chick-fil-A is available at www.chick-fil-a.com.