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**FUDDRUCKERS TO GROW CARIBBEAN FOOTPRINT; FIRST DOMINICAN REPUBLIC RESTAURANT OPENS TODAY AT NEW GALERIA 360 MALL IN SANTO DOMINGO**

**Houston, TX – January 15, 2013** – Fuddruckers, home of the “World’s Greatest Hamburgers”, is expanding its Caribbean presence. Today, the Texas-born fast casual chain will open its first Dominican Republic restaurant in Santo Domingo through a partnership with franchisee Eduardo J. Gadala-Maria and Giancarlo Bonarelli. Santo Domingo is the capital of the Dominican Republic and one of the largest cities in the Caribbean. The 3,500-square-foot unit will be located in Galeria 360, one of several recently completed shopping malls built to cater to the city’s increasingly upwardly mobile population. The upscale complex features 120 stores and restaurants plus a large movie theater.

According to Peter Tropoli, Chief Operating Officer, “The Caribbean is a strong growth market for us, and we appreciate the expertise of Eduardo and Giancarlo in bringing us to new audiences who are quickly embracing our iconic brand.”

The Santo Domingo restaurant will merge Fuddruckers dynamic design scheme, which references the brand’s classic, roadhouse origins, with an engaging splash of local flavor, including imagery of local sports heroes. The menu will also reinforce a sense of place with local favorites like a lamb burger with mint jelly and bread pudding. Guest will enjoy a large terrace with seating for 75 and a full –service bar. The interior will seat 100.

Since 1980, Fuddruckers has been obsessed with making the world happier, one great hamburger at a time. Grilled-to-order burgers feature always fresh and never frozen, 100% USDA premium-cut beef with no fillers or additives. Delicious, sesame-topped buns are baked from scratch on-site throughout the day to achieve the perfect combination of crisp crust and melt-in-your-mouth texture.

And while burgers are the signature, the engaging menu offers variety for many tastes with an array of sandwiches, platters and salads. No matter what they choose, customers can customize their meal with a trip to the legendary Build Your Own produce bar, which features fantastic fixings like sun-ripened tomatoes, lettuce, sliced onions, dill pickles, pico de gallo and classic cheese sauce.

**About Luby’s, Inc.**

Luby’s, Inc. operates restaurants under the brands Luby’s Cafeteria, Fuddruckers and Cheeseburger in Paradise and provides food service management through its Luby’s Culinary Services division. The company-operated restaurants include 93 Luby’s cafeterias, 62 Fuddruckers restaurants, 22 Cheeseburger in Paradise full service restaurants and bars, one Koo Koo Roo Chicken Bistro and one Bob Luby’s Seafood Grill. Its 93 Luby’s cafeterias are located throughout Texas and other states. Its Fuddruckers restaurants include 62 company-operated locations and 116 franchises across the United States (including Puerto Rico), Canada, and Mexico. Luby’s Culinary Services provides food service management to 21 sites consisting of healthcare, higher education and corporate dining locations.

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