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Firebirds International

NEW CANAAN, Conn. (January 18, 2019) J.H. Whitney Capital Partners, L.P. is pleased to announce that it has acquired a majority interest in Firebirds International, LLC (formerly Wood Fired Grill) or the Company, from Angelo, Gordon & Co., L.P. (Angelo Gordon), C

Founded in 2000, Firebirds Wood Fired Grill offers guests a unique dining experience featuring an exposed kitchen with its signature wood-fired grill and its award-winning FIREBARfi. The restaurant is known for its welcoming atmosphere, expertly seasoned wood-grilled steaks, freshly grilled seafood, gourmet burgers and oversized salads, as well as an extensive menu of seasonal cocktails and fine wine. For more information about Firebirds Wood Fired Grill, visit <https://www.firebirdsinternational.com>

About J.H. Whitney

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About Firebirds Wood Fired Grill

Firebirds Wood Fired Grill, a contemporary casual restaurant, is an energetic twist on the traditional grill featuring a boldly flavored, classic American menu in an inviting, fire atmosphere. Signature menu items include wood-grilled steaks and fresh seafood prepared in-house and seared over locally sourced hickory, oak or pecan wood in Firebirds' scratch kitchen and exposed wood-fired grill. The open, stylish, enticing décor incorporates fresh, vibrant and entertaining spaces, such as the outdoor patio with seasonal comforts- and the award-winning FIREBARfi. Popular specialties include Wine Down Mondays, happy hour, artisanal cocktails, craft beer, bourbon, after dinner drinks and Firebirds' private label wine. In keeping with its mission, To Serve, Enrich and Exceed, Firebirds supports environmental sustainability efforts throughout its restaurants and partners with the American Land Foundation, with more than \$4 million raised for childhood cancer research through the sale of fresh lemonade. Visit firebirdsrestaurants.com to become a member of Firebirds' Inner Circle, make an OpenTable reservation or order online.