

# GRILL CONCEPTS, INC.

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **GRILL CONCEPTS NAMES CO-FOUNDER ROBERT SPIVAK AS PRESIDENT AND CEO FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF PHILIP GAY**

**WOODLAND HILLS, Calif. – June 4, 2010** – Grill Concepts, Inc. (Pink Sheets: GLLC), operators of *The Grill on the Alley* and *Daily Grill*-branded restaurants and the *In Short Order – Daily Grill* quick casual concept, today announced the departure of Philip Gay as President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director and the appointment of co-founder and Co-Chairman Robert Spivak as President and Chief Executive Officer, both effective as of June 2, 2010.

Spivak, 66, co-founded the company in 1984, served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the company from 1995 until his retirement in 2006 and has served as a Director since inception and as Co-Chairman of the Board since 2007. Since his retirement in 2006, Mr. Spivak has served as a consultant to the company. Effective with his appointment to the President and Chief Executive Officer positions, Mr. Spivak will cease providing services, and will cease to receive consulting fees, under an existing Consulting Agreement.

“We thank Philip for his valued contributions to date,” said Spivak. “He has led the company through a most challenging economic recession, and we wish him well in his future endeavors.”

### **About Grill Concepts, Inc.**

Grill Concepts owns, manages and licenses upscale casual and fine dining, full service restaurants under two core brand names: *The Grill on the Alley* and *Daily Grill*; as well as a newly launched quick casual concept named *In Short Order – Daily Grill*. The company operates 29 restaurants including seven *The Grill on the Alley*-branded restaurants in Beverly Hills, Hollywood, San Jose and Westlake Village, California; Chicago, Illinois; Dallas, Texas; and Aventura, Florida; 21 *Daily Grill* restaurants in California; the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region; Houston and Austin, Texas; Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; and Tulsa, Oklahoma; as well as one *In Short Order – Daily Grill* in Seattle, Washington.

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