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Plaza Hotel and Casino to welcome two more local restaurants New venues will offer greater dining options including Hawaiian favorite and Mexican cuisine

LAS VEGAS (July 28, 2011) – Two more Las Vegas-based restaurants have announced plans to open inside the <u>Plaza Hotel and Casino</u>. Island Sushi and Hawaiian Grill and Zaba's Mexican Grill have signed agreements to open locations inside the newly renovated Plaza.

With more than 30 years of combined cooking experience, chef and owner Terence Fong and his staff have collaborated to bring the Aloha from the islands of Hawaii to Las Vegas at <u>Island Sushi and</u> <u>Hawaiian Grill</u>.

The restaurant's concept is unique as it encompasses two cuisines, two concepts, with two separate dining facilities. Island Sushi originally opened in 2007 on the east side of the Las Vegas Valley serving sushi and Japanese cuisine that is popular in Hawaii. A year later, the company added a grill component adjacent to the sushi restaurant to create Island Sushi and Grill. The company's chefs create the best of Hawaii's favorite cuisine including Malasadas, island-style plate lunches and pupus (appetizers), while also featuring a fresh poke bar.

The company's new Plaza restaurant, expected to open by Sept. 10, will be the second restaurant in the Las Vegas Valley for the owners of Island Sushi and Grill located on S. Eastern Avenue.

Zaba's Mexican Grill has been a locally owned and operated restaurant since its first location opened in Las Vegas in 2001. The restaurant is dedicated to utilizing only the freshest, finest quality ingredients available to create delicious, flavorful menu items. Although the name implies Mexican food, the cuisine is a combination of Mexican, Southwestern and Tex-Mex flavors and spices.

Co-owners Douglas Bolle and Robert Terkhorn have created a menu featuring original recipes prepared fresh daily on-site and reflecting the concerns of today's health-conscious diner who demands fast service to fit a busy schedule but refuses to compromise taste and originality. Each meal is custom-made as the customer directs the type of ingredients they want while they watch it being prepared.

Expected to open in the fall, the restaurant inside the Plaza will be the sixth Zaba's location in the Las Vegas Valley. Its opening will coincide with the company's 10 year anniversary in Las Vegas.

"We are confident that these two restaurants will be great additions to the dining options at the Plaza," said Tony Santo, CEO and president of PlayLV and Santo Gaming. "Our Hawaiian visitors will feel at



home at Island Sushi and Hawaiian Grill, and Zaba's will offer a great Mexican dining option for the downtown area. We are proud to offer these local Las Vegas favorites to our guests."

About the Plaza Hotel & Casino

The Plaza Hotel & Casino opened in 1971 at 1 Main Street, at the intersection of Main and Fremont Street, and was a fashionable stop on the first train service through Las Vegas. Anchoring the Fremont Street Experience, the Plaza has been an iconic hotel in the heart of downtown Las Vegas for more than 40 years. It sits on 16.5 acres of land and has 1,037 rooms and suites, making it one of the largest hotel-casinos in downtown Las Vegas. Recent renovations have updated and improved the Plaza's ambiance throughout, creating a stylish and comfortable new experience for its guests. www.plazahotelcasino.com

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