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Business Beat

Houlihan's Opens at Somerset

Houlihan's has opened its newest location at 40 Glastonbury Blvd., offering fresh scratch cooking in a contemporary setting with an energetic bar scene, and creating nearly 100 jobs.

The Glastonbury Houlihan's is the first of 12 new locations planned by franchise partner, Northeast Casual Foods, LLC (NCF), in Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York.

NCF Director of Operations Dean Marino said the new eatery will "give a jolt to people's expectations. Everything from our modern, open décor, fashionable uniforms, indie music soundtrack, unique menu design and our age-less bar experience have been carefully thought out to set us apart from other casual restaurants."

The Glastonbury Houlihan's will offer an eclectic selection of dishes such as white fish tacos, Thai chile Buffalo wings, a calamari salad tossed with Napa cabbage, cashews and a house banana-ginger vinaigrette, as well as a series

of fresh-made mini desserts priced at \$1.99.

Leading the trend of smaller portion sizes, four years ago Houlihan's started offering a wide variety of mini-sized menu items such as mini burgers and mini desserts with mini prices, and builds on the mini theme in the bar, with items such as mini martinis.

The new Houlihan's features a contemporary new design, offering a visible kitchen with display cooking.

Currently, 90 Houlihan's restaurants operate throughout the country, 60 of which are franchised, and company executives estimate approximately 30 new locations will open in the next two years. Houlihan's is owned by Houlihan's Restaurants, Inc. of Leawood, KS, which developed and owns several restaurant concepts including Bristol Seafood Grill and Bar/ J. Gilbert's Wood-Fired Steaks.