



## **A New Orleans Icon Finds Recipe for Success in Destin**

*Legendary Proudly Welcomes Commander's Palace to  
HarborWalk Village in Destin, Florida*

**For Immediate Release (August 1, 2007)** - It's an historic icon, cherished landmark and the very heart and soul of New Orleans. It's the Crescent City's prized possession – Commander's Palace. Since 1880, the famous restaurant, located in the heart of the Garden District, has successfully reflected the best of the city with both Creole and American heritages, as well as some of its own culinary creations. Today, it is with great excitement that Destin developer, Legendary, Inc., announces that this priceless dining experience will soon be part of the Destin Harbor and HarborWalk Village.

Destin Harbor is a unique destination, the only working harbor along the Emerald Coast and home to one of the largest private charter fishing fleets in Florida. In fact, it recently ranked in *Coastal Living Magazine's* Top 10 listing of harbors in the country. Revitalizing the Destin Harbor and providing public access to its amenities is a goal of the City of Destin and area businesses. Legendary's Emerald Grande and HarborWalk Village will certainly be a significant catalyst to the revitalization. Peter Bos, President of Legendary, Inc states, "For nearly three decades, it has been my vision to create not just a development, but more, an experience right here at the Harbor, that visitors and locals would grow to love, build memories around and enjoy for years to come. Commander's Palace will certainly add to the ambiance and overall experience at HarborWalk Village."

Emerald Grande, a new landmark for the Emerald Coast and the Destin Harbor, opened June 2007. Taking on the look of an established, turn-of-the-century yacht club, the 281-unit condominium Legendary development is a big part of the Harbor redevelopment. Surrounding Emerald Grande is HarborWalk Village, a collection of boutique shops, restaurants, water activities, nightlife and now, Commander's Palace.

Commander's Palace, like HarborWalk Village, shares a similar visionary design of the highest standards, high-end accommodations, and fantastic experiences to remember. The atmosphere and tradition of the restaurant, carried on today by Ti Martin and Lally Brennan – two members of the well-known New Orleans Brennan family – is like that of a party with old friends that you never want to leave.

On the decision to expand to Destin and HarborWalk Village, Ti noted, “What attracted us to HarborWalk Village was the vision Peter and his team had of a world-class resort in Destin - something that had never been done before. And as part of that vision, they included a gorgeous Gulf Coast setting and top-notch facility for a restaurant. Lally and I are excited that Commander’s is that restaurant and that we are part of the HarborWalk Village experience.”

Currently with only its home location of New Orleans, Commander’s Palace and the Brennan family has been highly selective of its restaurant locations. Ti revealed this selective nature when she said, “Lally and I have traveled all over the world looking for a beach that’s better than Destin – and we failed. Destin has been our playground for as long as I can remember. It’s the place where my family has gone to have fun and now, with the new location at HarborWalk Village, we’ll mix a little work in with the fun.”

The Legendary team members working with Ti and Lally to ultimately garner one of just three Commander’s locations were Rik Bos, Vice President, Legendary Realty, Inc., and Bryan Deane, Vice President Commercial Properties for Legendary Realty, Inc. Along with its grand legacy, Commander’s appealed to this team through two traits the Legendary company takes pride in as well – Southern Hospitality and extraordinary service.

Rik Bos shared his excitement with the latest addition to HarborWalk Village, explaining how Commander’s represents tremendous progress in the crowning, justified focus of the Destin Harbor as the gateway location to the Emerald Coast. Commenting on what Commander’s Palace will mean for Destin and HarborWalk Village, he further noted, “This legendary establishment will bring people from far and wide to dine in a location that will now truly speak for itself.”

Adding to Rik Bos’ accolades of the Big Easy icon, Bryan Deane, a native of New Orleans, knows far too well the magic that a place like Commander’s will bring to the Harbor. “Growing up in New Orleans, I dined at Commander’s regularly. Nothing compares to this grand experience – something I know Destin vacationers and locals will embrace and enjoy for its fine foods, impeccable service and good times.”

So what is it that makes this place so legendary? The answer is found in the splendid food and wine one expects from a world-class dining experience - one with the unique spirit, culinary integrity and “joie de vivre” that have made Commander's Palace a legend over the decades. It’s this one of a kind experience that has earned the restaurant countless notes of praise and awards, including: Outstanding Restaurant Award and Outstanding Service Award by the James Beard Foundation, the Fine Dining Award by Distinguished Restaurants of North America, Reader's Choice Awards and #1 City Restaurant by *Southern Living Magazine*. And let’s not forget the fact that two of America's biggest celebrity chefs, Paul Prudhomme and Emeril Lagasse, began their storied careers in the Commander’s Palace kitchen.

"While Commander's Palace is 127 years old we feel like all our best culinary experiences are ahead of us," noted Ti. "Commander's has a healthy reverence for past culinary traditions but it is our day to day passion to be on the leading edge of Creole cooking's continuous evolution."

According to Legendary's timeline, Commander's Palace, which will encompass over 8,000 square feet at HarborWalk Village, is set to open in summer of 2008. To date, Legendary Realty has built a reputation of great success in commercial properties, having already worked with Turnberry Associates on current Destin retail center, Destin Commons.

The company plans to announce a full list of additional retailers by winter 2007. Currently at HarborWalk Village, some of the more notable tenants to go along with Commander's include: the Destin Fishing Fleet, new Restaurant-America dining concept, Water Grille; New Orleans icon, Pat O'Brien's; Jester Mardi Gras Daiquiri, Lucky Snapper, and high energy night club, Jet Ultra Lounge.

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***About HarborWalk Village***

*HarborWalk Village is an unparalleled locale at Destin Harbor. The vision was created by the team at Legendary to speak to the exacting standards of what indulgent, resort life should be. Once complete, the Village will be an unmatched offering of resort amenities for an all-in-one destination that you'll never have to, or want to, leave. Vacationers will immerse themselves in every diversion imaginable, from quaint shops and exclusive boutiques, nightlife entertainment, water activities and fine dining. Here, every day will be worthy of celebration.*

***About Legendary, Inc.***

*Legendary, Inc. is headquartered in Destin and holds a diversified portfolio including: a Resorts Division, a Realty Division and a Marina Division. With enterprises such as Emerald Grande, Legendary Marine, Regatta Bay Golf and Country Club and Destin Commons, the company's diversity and expertise has produced numerous successful Destin area projects. The company stands strong behind its mission to provide "legendary experiences which exceed the expectations of visitors and residents along the North Gulf Coast."*

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