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New Express Bocado Lunch Trays Introduced for Hurried Diners

Quick healthy options kick-off New Year

WOODLANDS, Texas, January 19, 2011 --- Américas Woodlands has added new on-the-go lunch offerings to its already popular menu - Bocado Lunch Trays, priced at \$10 per person come with the choice of a house salad with cilantro dressing or a cup of the soup of the day, fresh fruit and melt-in-your-mouth Alfahores cookies. Served on a stylish -- modern tray – the all-inclusive Bocado selections are flavor packed and provide quick, fresh options for hurried office workers and causal diners. Bocado Lunch Trays are available week-days from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

“Bocado Lunch Trays are a quick and flavorful sampling of the Américas menu, and we have seen them escalate in popularity since Américas Woodlands introduced them a short time ago,” said chef and owner Michael Cordúa. “The trays are now a permanent feature on our lunch menu and offer “Américas a la Express” for our guests who are racing the clock.”

Nine Bocado Lunch Trays are currently on the menu:

Empanadas – two savory, Latin pastries filled with the choice of beef, chicken or spinach

Angel Wings – ethereally light fried chicken wings, with brown butter, habanero- papaya and blue cheese

Ahi Tuna and Jícama Nachos – crispy onion, cilantro, citrus ponzu

Cobb Salad – grilled chicken, heart of romaine, bacon, avocado, peeled tear drop tomato, blue cheese and garlic dressing

Grilled Chicken Caesar – heart of romaine, Caesar dressing, parmesan and herbed croutons

Organic Quinoa Salad – grilled chicken breast, roasted red pepper, tomato green onion, papaya and pineapple, mixed greens, citrus-herb vinaigrette

Caprese Sandwich – peeled marinated tomato, fresh mozzarella and basil on toasted baguette

Aji Chicken Salad Sandwich – aji pepper chicken salad with tomato basil and candied pecan on a sweet sourdough roll

Cuban Sandwich – ham and roasted pork with chopped house pickles and melted provolone cheese on a sweet sourdough roll.

In addition to the new lunch offerings, diners can continue to enjoy popular items such as The Churrasco, voted *Esquire* magazine's "Top 20 Steaks in America," the Amazon Burger, Pollo Encamisado and the customizable Design Your Own Salad.

ABOUT AMÉRICAS WOODLANDS

Américas Woodlands is located at 21 Water Way Avenue in The Woodlands. Américas is owned by celebrated chef Michael Cordúa, who owns and operates five additional award-winning restaurants, including Américas River Oaks, Artista, Churrascos River Oaks, Churrascos Westchase, and Amazon Grill. A new Churrascos in Sugar Land will open December 1, 2011. Cordúa is the only chef in Texas to be inducted into the *Food & Wine* Magazine Hall of Fame. For reservations please call 281.367.1492. www.cordua.com/amicas