

## First Watch Restaurant Group, Inc. Files Registration Statement for Proposed Initial Public Offering

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BRADENTON, Fla.--(<u>BUSINESS WIRE</u>)--First Watch Restaurant Group, Inc. ("First Watch" or "the Company"), the Daytime Dining concept serving breakfast, brunch and lunch, today announced that it has publicly filed a registration statement on Form S-1 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") relating to a proposed initial public offering of its common stock. An application has been made for listing the common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the ticker symbol "FWRG." The number of shares to be offered and the price range for the proposed offering have not yet been determined. First Watch intends to use the proceeds from the offering to repay borrowings outstanding under the Company's credit facilities.

BofA Securities, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and Jefferies LLC are acting as lead book-running managers for the proposed offering.

The proposed offering will be made only by means of a prospectus. A copy of the preliminary prospectus relating to the proposed offering, when available, may be obtained from the following:

- BofA Securities, NC1-004-03-43, 200 North College Street, 3rd floor, Charlotte NC 28255-0001, Attention: Prospectus Department, or by email at <a href="mailto:dg.prospectus requests@bofa.com">dg.prospectus requests@bofa.com</a>;
- Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Attention: Prospectus Department, 200 West Street, New York, New York 10282, or by email at <a href="mailto:prospectus-ny@ny.email.gs.com">prospectus-ny@ny.email.gs.com</a> or by telephone at 1-866-471-2526; or
- Jefferies LLC, Attention: Equity Syndicate Prospectus Department, 520 Madison Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10022, or by email at <a href="mailto:prospectus department@Jefferies.com">prospectus department@Jefferies.com</a> or by telephone at 1-877-821-7388

A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the SEC but has not yet become effective. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

## **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release includes "forward looking information," including with respect to the initial public offering. These statements are made through the use of words or phrases such as "will" or "expect" and similar words and expressions of the future. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including the risks outlined under "Risk Factors" in the preliminary prospectus and elsewhere in the Company's filings with the SEC, which may cause actual results to differ materially from any results expressed or implied by any forward-looking statement. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in its forward-looking statements are reasonable, it cannot guarantee future results. The Company has no obligation, and does not undertake any obligation, to update or revise any forward-looking statement made in this press release to reflect changes since the date of this press release, except as required by law.

## **About First Watch**

First Watch is an award-winning Daytime Dining restaurant concept serving made-to-order breakfast, brunch and lunch using fresh ingredients. First Watch offers traditional favorites, such as pancakes, omelets, sandwiches and salads, alongside specialty items like the Quinoa Power Bowl®, Avocado Toast and the Chickichanga. There are more than 420 First Watch restaurants in 28 states, and the restaurant concept is majority owned by Advent International, one of the world's largest private-equity firms.

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