



BRAZOS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC

## **BRAZOS PRIVATE EQUITY PARTNERS ANNOUNCES SALE OF CHEDDAR'S, INC.**

Dallas, Texas, August 28, 2006—Brazos Private Equity Partners, LLC, a leading Dallas-based private investment firm, today announced the sale of Cheddar's, Inc., a Dallas-based owner and operator of casual dining restaurants, to financial buyers Oak Investment Partners and Catterton Partners. Brazos and members of Cheddar's management acquired the company in November 2003. Financial terms of the transaction announced today, and of the 2003 transaction, were not disclosed.

Randall S. Fojtasek, a Brazos Partner, said: "Cheddar's is an outstanding business that has continued to prosper during our nearly three-year investment and, as a result, has enabled us and our investors to generate an outstanding return. When Brazos made its initial investment in 2003, Cheddar's had 42 stores in 13 states with \$150 million in systemwide sales. Today, it has 55 stores in 15 states and estimated systemwide sales of approximately \$245 million.

"In addition, the Cheddar's management team, including president Doug Rogers and chief operating officer Greg Good, will have doubled the company's EBITDA over the past three years. This is an outstanding team and we are proud to have invested with them," Mr. Fojtasek said.

Douglas H. Rogers, co-founder and president of Cheddar's, said: "Brazos has been a good partner to our company and over the past three years has supported its growth both with capital and with active participation on our board. We look forward to the continuing growth with our new partners that we have achieved over the past three years with Brazos."

### **About Brazos**

Brazos Private Equity Partners, LLC, of Dallas, one of the most active middle-market private investments in America, specializes in leveraged acquisitions and recapitalizations of established, profitable companies with strong and proven management teams, predictable cash flows and significant growth potential. Brazos partners with management teams to invest in consumer, distribution, financial services, healthcare, manufacturing and media businesses. Since inception, Brazos has completed twenty-eight acquisitions, including, among others, Lone Star Overnight; The Republic Group of Insurance Companies; Walls Industries; and ORS Nasco. The firm has in excess of \$650 million under management and is currently investing Brazos Equity Fund II, L.P., an investment partnership with \$400 million in subscriptions. For additional information about Brazos, please visit the firm's website at [www.brazospartners.com](http://www.brazospartners.com).

### **About Cheddar's**

Headquartered in Dallas, Cheddar's is a leading multi-concept "classic American" casual dining restaurant company. Cheddar's was founded in 1978 by Aubrey G. Good and Douglas H. Rogers, who were joined in 1991 by Aubrey's son, Gregory W. Good. The company has 25 company stores, including 23 Cheddar's Casual Cafés and 2 Fish Daddy's Grill Houses, and 30 franchise stores, operated by 11 franchisees.

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