



HotSchedules Announces Strategic Partnership with Digital Dining POS

Austin, TX – March 31, 2009 – HotSchedules today announced its partnership with Digital Dining, a leading provider of integrated restaurant POS systems. The partnership now allows Digital Dining to compliment its best-in-class POS platform with HotSchedules' powerful online restaurant labor management solutions. The Digital Dining/HotSchedules POS interface is available now through Digital Dining v. 7.3.5.

Over the past several years, Digital Dining had received numerous requests from its large restaurant chain customers to integrate with HotSchedules' labor management solution. "We were quite aware of HotSchedules' easy-to-use and intuitive online staff scheduling solution, and coupled with our customer's feedback to make it available with our POS, we knew that partnering with HotSchedules was the right decision," said Andre Nataf, business development manager, Digital Dining.

Digital Dining provides innovative restaurant POS software and handheld POS solutions for all types of hospitality verticals including multi-unit operations, quick service restaurants, fast casual restaurants, hotels, country clubs, food courts, hospitals, universities, and many more. It's flexible XML-based POS software interface and non-proprietary hardware platform has allowed Digital Dining to move away from the "convergence of technology" approach by partnering with third-party vendors on best-of-breed solutions including reservations, table management, wait list management, inventory, gift cards, high speed credit cards, and of course labor management.

HotSchedules' secure and cost-effective on-demand restaurant scheduling solutions are designed for businesses that wish to streamline their employee scheduling – making it a simple, painless process for both employees and managers. Whether a restaurant has 1 location or 2,000, the intuitive online scheduling portal offers companies a user-friendly interface to view schedules, trade shifts, and request time off anywhere, anytime (i.e. the phone, web or mobile phone.) The manager interface includes tools to easily create schedules, approve and deny shift trades, review requests for time off, print reports and evaluate staff availability. HotSchedules integrates with most major POS solutions as well as time and attendance systems to allow for robust reporting and advanced forecasting for substantial labor cost savings.

"HotSchedules has obviously struck a chord with a large majority of our customers and we are currently working with several of our clients to move them on to the Digital Dining/HotSchedules interface as quickly as possible," said Nataf. "HotSchedules has been a valuable partner for Digital Dining and our solutions have great synergy. We are excited about this partnership and look forward to providing our customers with this best-in-class restaurant labor management solution."

"Digital Dining has always been recognized as a leader in restaurant POS solutions, and its business model ensures that its clients are getting the best specialized solution for each component of restaurant management, all integrated into a seamless package," said David Cantu, VP Business Development, HotSchedules. "We look forward to welcoming more Digital Dining users into our family of HotSchedules clients."

About Digital Dining

DIGITAL DINING was originally developed and installed in Australia in 1978. The product was introduced in the United States in 1984 and the Virginia Corporation, Menusoft, was formed. In 1984, the first U.S. DIGITAL DINING system was installed at a small Washington D.C. tavern with three workstations. As a pioneer in the PC based POS hospitality market, we are proud to approaching our twenty-fifth year in business. Today, we continue to lead our industry with extremely innovative functionality and features,

most of which have come from suggestions made by our more than 50,000 customers. From independents to large chains, from quick service to table service, our software can be configured to meet your needs.

About HotSchedules

HotSchedules, innovators of the most widely-used restaurant workforce management solutions, sets the industry standard for service, support and labor management expertise. By engaging with its clients as partners, HotSchedules vastly improves management-employee communications, resulting in greater employee satisfaction and retention—and offers a fast, proven ROI through reduced manual scheduling and labor costs. From independent restaurants to corporate chains, HotSchedules' suite of solutions empowers restaurant staff and managers with all the tools they need to communicate effectively and efficiently. More than 3,000 restaurants and over 300,000 users rely on HotSchedules every day. HotSchedules complements its product offerings with a world-class, bilingual support staff at the company's headquarters in Austin, Texas.

HotSchedules' corporate and franchise clients include such well-known concepts as Outback Steakhouse, the Cheesecake Factory, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Carino's Italian, Chili's, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Fleming's Steakhouse, BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, Gordon Biersch, Applebee's, Jamba Juice and many others. For more information, visit www.hotschedules.com.

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