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## **ARAMARK RANKS FIRST IN ITS INDUSTRY ON FORTUNE'S LIST OF WORLD'S MOST ADMIRED COMPANIES**

ARAMARK tops the rankings in all nine leadership criteria

**PHILADELPHIA, March 4, 2009** – Once again, ARAMARK Corporation, a world leader in providing professional services, is ranked No. 1 in its industry on FORTUNE magazine's list of "World's Most Admired Companies" (a list formerly known as "America's Most Admired Companies") for 2009. This is the second consecutive year in which ARAMARK tops its industry. The company has placed among the top three companies in this category each year since 1998 and has ranked No. 1 five times in the past eight years.

ARAMARK tops the magazine's list in the Diversified Outsourcing category, which studies businesses that offer a range of value-added professional services. ARAMARK rates No. 1 in all nine key criteria by which companies are evaluated:

- Financial soundness.
- Quality of the management team.
- Quality of the products or services offered to clients.
- Innovation.
- Ability to attract and retain talent.
- Global competitiveness.
- Use of corporate assets.
- Value as a long-term investment.
- Social responsibility to the community and the environment.

“We are pleased to be recognized once again as the leader in our industry, particularly among an increasingly competitive list of contenders,” said Joseph Neubauer, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ARAMARK. “I am grateful to all of our employees around the world, whose contributions each day continue to drive our reputation for excellence, innovation and integrity.”

This commendation is one of many that ARAMARK has received in the past year, including being named among the “40 Best Companies for Diversity” by *Black Enterprise* magazine; the Global Outsourcing 100, which recognizes companies that provide the best service worldwide; and America’s largest private companies by both Forbes and FORTUNE magazines.

FORTUNE’s study of World’s Most Admired Companies is conducted annually by The Hay Group, a global consulting firm. The study surveys top executives, directors and financial analysts to identify companies with the strongest reputations among the Fortune 1000, non-U.S. companies in the FORTUNE Global 500, and top foreign companies operating in the United States.

### **About ARAMARK**

ARAMARK is a leader in professional services, providing award-winning food services, facilities management, and uniform and career apparel to health care institutions, universities and school districts, stadiums and arenas, and businesses around the world. In FORTUNE magazine's 2009 list of "World's Most Admired Companies," ARAMARK was ranked number one in its industry, consistently ranking since 1998 as one of the top three most admired companies in its industry as evaluated by peers and analysts. ARAMARK seeks to responsibly address issues that matter to its clients, customers, employees and communities by focusing on employee advocacy, environmental stewardship, health and wellness, and community involvement. Headquartered in Philadelphia, ARAMARK has approximately 260,000 employees serving clients in 22 countries. Learn more at the company's Web site, [www.aramark.com](http://www.aramark.com).

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