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### **Leap Hospitality Awarded Food Management Contract for Overland Park's New \$36M Soccer Complex**

Overland Park, KS —Kansas City based Leap Hospitality has been awarded the food management contract for Overland Park's new \$36 million Soccer Complex. The soccer complex, complete with twelve all-weather synthetic turf fields, lights, wireless Internet access, and more, is the only one of its kind in the country. It will host local, regional, and national soccer tournaments. "The City of Overland Park made a commitment to construct the highest quality soccer venue in the nation," said Mike Laplante Manager of Soccer Complex Operations. "Part of that commitment is to also deliver a quality run foodservice operation," added Laplante.

Situated inside the complex will be three Café's managed by Leap Hospitality. Leap will be responsible for all facets of operations including marketing, staffing, kitchen design, menu development, catering, branding, and operations. The café's will offer more "restaurant style" food with a healthier alternative for players, coaches, referees, and spectators. Inside each Cafe will be a cooking technology that doesn't need fryers, broilers, or hoods delivering the greenest most environmentally healthy cooking process available. "Soccer officials, parents, and coaches have all stated that providing a broader range of healthy food choices was important," said Laplante. "This is another unique aspect of the soccer complex that we hope will meet with the approval of coaches, and especially parents." Menu items will include salads, wraps, fruits, and specialty sandwiches along with traditional park fare. "We are thrilled to be associated with such a fantastic project and look forward to assisting the city of Overland Park to deliver an exceptional experience at the soccer complex," said Leap Hospitality President Pat Phelan. "We couldn't have picked a better team to be involved with when it comes to foodservice. Leap hit the ground running once they were awarded the project and haven't looked back since," said Laplante. Potential future conveniences the Café's will offer are text message and online ordering as well as creative food programs with the family and athletes in mind.

The soccer complex grand opening will be August 29, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30 and is open to the public with the first tournament schedule to take place on September 5-7, 2009. Leap Hospitality will be accepting applications for all positions beginning July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to [www.leaphospitality.com](http://www.leaphospitality.com) to apply and find out more about future job fairs.

### **About Leap Hospitality**

Leap Hospitality is a nationally recognized foodservice company that specializes in concept development, on premise operational management, kitchen design, and FF&E procurement. Leap has been involved with over 30 food and beverage concepts since 2006 including Makers Mark Lounge, McFadden's, Blue Moon, The Mixx, Local Burger, Vinino's, Archive, Cox Bros BBQ, NASCAR Café, PBR Big Sky, AMC Theaters, Tribeca, and Kansas City's historic Midland Theater. [www.leaphospitality.com](http://www.leaphospitality.com)

### **About Overland Park Soccer Complex and Recreational Facility**

In addition to 12 soccer fields, Overland Park's new recreational facility will include three Café's, a multipurpose field house, playgrounds and new parking. Existing baseball fields and relocated tennis, skate and basketball facilities will also be part of the complex. Adjacent to the site is Deana Rose Children's Farmstead, a 12-acre park featuring animals, gardens, a schoolhouse, barn, pond and more. A new entrance and a joint general store/ice cream parlor will be added to the Farmstead. [http://www.opkansas.org/ Res/Parks and Recreation/Soccer/index.cfm](http://www.opkansas.org/Res/Parks_and_Recreation/Soccer/index.cfm)

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