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International Foods and Ingredients, Inc., Gurnee, IL, is proud to announce its new partnership with Talbott Teas, a Chicago-based manufacturer of artisanal gourmet teas, bringing Talbott Teas to professional customers in the Foodservice Industry across the United States.

Talbott Teas was founded by Shane Talbott, who developed a line of unique teas for his salon and spa to enhance his clients' indulgent spa experience. The teas became so popular that he packaged them for retail sale, eventually opting to shutter the salon business to focus on bringing his teas to a wider audience. The company's selection as one of Oprah's Favorite Things in 2010 has helped establish Talbott Teas as one of the world's most innovative producers of super-premium tea for the discerning palate.

Talbott Teas specializes in creating unique luxury blends that infuse premium full-leaf teas with real fruits, flowers, herbs and spices with aromas that unfold like floral bouquets. Artfully crafted flavors like Luscious Lemon Meringue, Green Tea Heaven, Blissful Blueberry, and Chocolate Strawberry Temptation have modernized the old-fashioned, stodgy cup of tea to something stylish and indulgent.

International Foods & Ingredients will offer Talbott Teas'

- Loose-leaf tea in 120-serving bulk packages
- Single-serving pyramid sachets in eco-friendly, biodegradable material
- Cubes with 12 individually wrapped sachets
- Black and peach flavored iced tea pouches
- Display chests

All Talbott Teas products are free of artificial flavors, colors, and preservatives, and all feature elegant designer packaging.

Rick Brownstein, IFI's Director of Business Development, stated, "Talbott Teas' modern approach to tea is so innovative and exciting that we had to be a part of it. Their emphasis on respect for the environment, socially responsible fair trade business practices, and promotion of healthier lifestyle choices makes them a company we're proud to associate ourselves with. Their passion for their products is infectious and we know our customers will be as impressed with this company as we are. They truly make a memorable cup of tea."

International Foods and Ingredients, Inc., has for nearly twenty years been a trusted supplier to the American culinary professional in the bakery, pastry, confectionery, and foodservice industries. IFI is a leading importer and master distributor of high quality specialty and basic ingredients, semi-finished products, beverages, tools and utensils through dedicated partnerships formed with the world's leading and most innovative manufacturers. A family owned business, IFI combines the world's best, most innovative products with industry expertise, reliability, and exemplary customer service.