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Medifast Franchise Opens First Center in Baltimore Market

Local franchisee opens first of four Medifast Weight Control Centers in Baltimore market

OWINGS MILLS, Md., October 14, 2008- /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Medifast, Inc. (NYSE: MED) today announced the opening of its first Medifast Franchise Weight Control Center located at 5 Bel Air S. Parkway, Bel Air, MD 21015 in the Festival at Bel Air Shopping Center.

The Company has sold the rights to open a total of four Medifast Weight Control Centers in the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan Area. The entire build-out process will take no more than two years to complete. The franchisee also has the right to open four additional Medifast Weight Control Centers in the Baltimore area over the next two years, bringing the total to eight locations.

"The opening of this first Medifast Weight Control Center franchise is an important development in the growth of our new business opportunity," said Joseph J. DiBartolomeo, Ph.D., Senior V.P. Medifast Weight Control Centers. According to Dr. DiBartolomeo, "Our focus is to offer a clinically proven rapid weight loss program to our clients with guaranteed results."

Medifast Weight Control Centers offer the Program recommended by more than 15,000 physicians with a weight loss services guarantee. Each client receives a customized solution to his or her weight-loss needs, and can expect to lose an average of two to five pounds per week. One-on-one personal support by Medifast certified and trained staff is also part of the program.

The Company currently operates 20 corporate-owned Medifast Weight Control Centers in Texas and Florida, and will open 5 more Centers in Texas by March 1, 2009. The Company expects an additional 5 franchise centers to open over the next three months in selected markets.

For more information on this business opportunity, please visit <http://www.MedifastCenters.com>.

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About Medifast:

Medifast (NYSE: MED) is the leading easy-to-use, clinically proven portion-controlled weight loss program. Medifast has been recommended by 15,000 physicians and used by over one million customers. It is committed to enriching lives by providing innovative choices for lasting health. Medifast programs have been proven effective through studies by major university teaching hospitals. The company sells its products and programs via four unique distribution channels: 1) the web and national call centers, 2) national network of physicians, 3) medically supervised Medifast Weight Control Centers, and 4) the Take Shape For Life direct-selling division, a

network of health coaches. Medifast was founded in 1980 and is located in Owings Mills, Maryland. For more information, log onto <http://www.ChooseMedifast.com>.

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