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FORTUNE INTERNATIONAL COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF CLASSIC PROVISIONS INC.

The acquisition expands Fortune Fish & Gourmet's gourmet portfolio and presence in the market

(Bensenville, IL; June 4, 2019)—**Fortune International, LLC**, the Midwest's leading processor, distributor and importer of quality seafood, meats, and gourmet products; announces the June 3 acquisition of Classic Provisions Inc., a leading Minnesota-based branded gourmet products provider and gourmet distributor. The acquisition will expand Fortune International's Fortune Fish & Gourmet brand — already one of the nation's largest seafood and specialty food distributors, — with additional staff expertise, important supplier relationships, high-quality products, cheese-cutting capabilities and distribution efficiencies.

Fortune will continue to operate the business out of the Classic Provisions facility in Plymouth, Minn., until it transitions into Fortune Fish's Minneapolis facility in late summer 2019.

Sean J. O'Scannlain, Fortune's President & CEO, stated, "Once we entered the Minnesota market, it became obvious to us that the reputation of Classic Provisions with their customers was remarkable. We are truly excited to add their expertise, service level and high-quality products to the Fortune Fish & Gourmet team."

Classic Provisions Inc., has been anticipating, meeting and exceeding the expectations of chefs and upscale food retailers in the Twin Cities region since 1989. Specializing in local producers and more than 500 imported and domestic artisan cheeses, Classic Provisions also carries specialty meats, olives, olive oils, vinegars, artisan breads, pastas, chocolate, spices and specialty ingredients.

John E. Byom, co-owner and CEO of Classic Provisions, joined the company in 2007 after a career in corporate food manufacturing and distribution. "We think Classic Provisions is a great fit for Fortune Fish & Gourmet. Our employees, customers and suppliers will benefit from Fortune's broader product line and distribution," Byom said. He will stay on through the transition.

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Sally Z. Witham, co-owner and President of Classic Provisions, has been with Classic Provisions since 2002. She will continue with Fortune as Vice President, Fortune Gourmet Minnesota. "We're excited by the new options for our customers and suppliers. We've always been on the lookout for new specialty products for our customers and that won't change. Also, our staff will be providing customers with their same well-known expertise and personalized service, with the added benefit of Fortune's products and service."

Fortune International embarked upon an acquisition strategy in 2012. The Classic Provisions acquisition follows the acquisitions of JDY Gourmet in 2012, Chef Martin Old World Butcher Shop in 2014, Coastal Seafoods in 2016, Lobster Gram in 2017 and Morey's Seafood International of Missouri in April of 2019.

For more information on Fortune Fish & Gourmet, please visit www.fortunefishco.net.

For more information on Classic Provisions, please visit www.classicprovisions.com. Classic Provisions can continue to be reached at info@classicprovisions.com and (763) 544-2025 during the transition.

Fortune International is the parent company operating [Fortune Fish & Gourmet](#) in Bensenville, IL, Saint Louis, MO, Kansas City, MO and Minneapolis, MN, [Fortune Imports](#), [Chef Martin's Old World Butcher Shop](#), [Coastal Seafoods retail stores](#) and [Lobster Gram](#). Fortune Fish & Gourmet is a full-service processor and distributor providing white-tablecloth restaurants, private clubs, elegant hotels and gourmet retail stores with the finest quality fresh, live and frozen seafood and gourmet foods. Fortune handles more than 10,000 seafood and gourmet products, selected to exceed the high standards embraced by their quality focused customer base. Fortune currently services customers throughout the Midwest United States with a fleet of refrigerated vehicles and nationally through FedEx and common carriers.

Fortune Imports is a global procurement subsidiary, focused on importing products based on the key principals of ethical, sustainable and superior quality. Chef Martin Old World Butcher Shop Sausage is a complete line of food service and retail sausages created in small batches, using all-natural ingredients and authentic recipes. The Coastal retail stores are "The Twin City's Best Fish Markets" located in Minneapolis and St. Paul Minnesota. From selling the very first Lobster Gram in 1987, Lobster Gram has grown its on-line offerings to include frozen lobster tails, steakhouse quality meats, fresh seafood, appetizers, desserts and unique gourmet items. Since 2001, Fortune International has brought innovation to the food business, consistently raising the bar for integrity, quality, sustainability and service.

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