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MORTON'S RESTAURANT GROUP RECEIVES CONDITIONAL ICAHN PROPOSAL.

New Hyde Park, NY... Morton's Restaurant Group, Inc. (NYSE:MRG) today announced that it has received a conditional proposal from High River Limited Partnership, an affiliate of Carl Icahn, offering to increase its purchase price for Morton's to \$17.00 per share. Unlike previous offers by Icahn, this proposal is conditioned on Morton's, by the close of business today, exempting High River from Morton's stockholders rights agreement to permit High River to "negotiate, enter into agreements and arrangements, and otherwise join, with others, to acquire Morton's." Morton's noted that taking such action is prohibited by a customary provision in its existing merger agreement and could subject the Company to substantial damages for breach of contract. Morton's stated that the Icahn proposal has been referred to the Special Committee of the Board of Directors and its advisors for evaluation.

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