



Edward Don & Company

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EDWARD DON & COMPANY ANNOUNCES SALE TO SYSCO

WOODRIDGE, IL – October 11, 2023 – Edward Don & Company (“DON”), a leading distributor of foodservice equipment and supplies since 1921, announced today that it has entered into an agreement to be acquired by Sysco Corporation. This partnership will allow DON to enhance its product offerings, expand strategic capabilities and provide even greater value to our customers while creating new and exciting opportunities for our associates.

Upon completion of the transaction, DON will operate as a standalone specialty division within Sysco. Steve Don will continue to manage the business along with DON’s leadership team. All DON’s current employees will continue business as usual across North America, providing customers with the great level of service and products that they have come to expect from DON.

“Since 1921, DON has put customers first, delivering everything but the food,” said Steve Don, CEO & President. “In Sysco, we found a partner who not only understands our business but also has a deep appreciation for the customers, employees, and culture that have made us who we are today. Customers can expect the same high level of foodservice expertise, customer service, innovation and a deeper product selection from DON as we move forward as a specialty division within Sysco.”

The acquisition is subject to regulatory approval and other customary closing conditions.

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and William Blair served as joint lead financial advisors to Edward Don & Company and Vestar Capital Partners.

About Edward Don & Company

Owned and operated by the Don family since 1921 and partnered with Vestar Capital Partners since 2017, Edward Don & Company is a leading distributor of foodservice equipment and supplies. Headquartered in Woodridge, IL, the company is the chosen supplier to all types of foodservice businesses including independent restaurants, national chains, health care, hospitality, country clubs, schools and

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universities, government institutions and foodservice management. DON, with approximately 1,200 employees, operates a nationwide distribution network supported by seven full-service distribution centers – in Chicago, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Miami, Dallas, Los Angeles and Seattle – and operates its own transportation fleet. DON serves national and multi-unit account programs with flexible, customized solutions that meet the needs of both the corporate office and the individual units. DON's Foodservice Equipment Division offers full-service kitchen design, equipment purchasing and installation. For more information, please visit www.don.com.

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