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OGS to Welcome Au Bon Pain to Empire State Plaza This Summer

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner RoAnn Destito today announced that dining options in the Empire State Plaza will be expanding to include Au Bon Pain café bakery. OGS and Au Bon Pain have executed a 10-year lease for spaces on the Concourse previously occupied by Pastabilities and the Hutch House Bakery. They are expected to open early this summer. Au Bon Pain will also manage the coffee kiosk in the Southwest Concourse.

“This is exciting news for the thousands of people who visit, conduct business and work in the Empire State Plaza every day,” said Commissioner Destito. “I join Governor Cuomo in welcoming Au Bon Pain as the first new addition to the Concourse in some time. We’re looking forward to adding Au Bon Pain’s extensive selection of soups, salads, sandwiches, and fresh baked goods to our dining options here at the Plaza and are committed to providing a wider variety of healthy eating and catering choices throughout the Empire State Plaza.”

“We pride ourselves on giving guests fresh and healthy options”, said Au Bon Pain CEO Sue Morelli. “Our menu spans from morning to night, while our service system allows guests to choose among made-to-order sandwiches and salads as well as flavorful pre-made options if they are on the run. We look forward to serving delicious food with warm hospitality to the Empire State Plaza.”

The cafeteria and bakery were closed for renovations on March 1. During the renovations, breakfast will be offered at the main Concourse cafeteria and will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. daily. Coffee, baked goods and other breakfast foods, such as the items from the grill, bagels, and hot cereals will be available.

Sodexo will continue to operate the remaining cafeterias it manages at the Empire State Plaza on a month-to-month basis.

About Au Bon Pain

Founded in 1978, Au Bon Pain (“the place of good bread”) café bakery has grown into an internationally recognized leader in the fast casual restaurant category. The chain’s signature items – breads, pastries, sandwiches, salads, soups, and coffee – are served in welcoming café environments emphasizing quick service and hospitality. Au Bon Pain offers consumers a wide variety of delicious, nutritional foods, and over the last three years has earned Health Magazine’s designation as one of America’s Top 5 Healthiest Restaurant Chains. Additional information about Au Bon Pain may be found at www.aubonpain.com.

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