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El Pollo Loco to Participate in Two Investor Conferences in January

COSTA MESA, Calif., Jan. 04, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- El Pollo Loco (Nasdaq:LOCO), the nation's leading fire-grilled chicken restaurant chain, today announced that the Company will present at the following investor conferences in January:

- | On Wednesday, January 11, 2017, the Company will present at the 19th Annual ICR Conference at the Grande Lakes Orlando Resort in Florida at 9:30 AM EST. Investors and interested parties may listen to a live webcast of this presentation from the corporate website at www.elpolloloco.com under the "Investors" tab, or directly through the ICR Conference website www.icrconference.com.
- | On Tuesday, January 17, 2017, the Company will participate in a fireside chat discussion at the Jefferies 6th Annual Winter Consumer Summit at the Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch in Avon, Colorado.

About El Pollo Loco

[El Pollo Loco](http://www.elpolloloco.com) (Nasdaq:LOCO) is the nation's leading fire-grilled chicken restaurant chain renowned for its masterfully citrus-marinated, fire-grilled chicken and handcrafted entrees using fresh ingredients inspired by Mexican recipes. With more than 450 company-owned and franchised restaurants in Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas and Utah, El Pollo Loco is expanding its presence in key markets like Houston and Dallas through a combination of company and franchisee development. Visit us on our website at ElPolloLoco.com.

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