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Over 800 Aromas; Over 70 Years of Experience; 1 Great Brand

TCHIBO COFFEE DEBUTS IN THE U.S.

-Europe's #1 Coffeehouse Brews Up Fresh Experience-

CHICAGO (October 2020)— With an unwavering dedication to freshness and sustainability, Tchibo (*CHEE-bo*) coffee makes its U.S. debut this fall. Distributed by Rainmaker Food Solution, a distribution partner renowned for bringing better food choices to the consumer in a responsible, honest, contemporary and sustainable manner, Tchibo will be available at a broad selection of retailers in eight target Midwest markets (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin) and available online for nationwide shipping to all 50 states at Tchibo.com. Tchibo brings over 70 years of experience mastering the art and science of coffee freshness, from bean to cup.

"There is little differentiation and innovation in the coffee category in the U.S.; leaning in to our brand heritage and decades of coffee proficiency, Tchibo is bringing a cleaner, more sustainable and fresher coffee experience to the U.S.," said Thomas Linemayr, Chief Executive Officer, Tchibo. Linemayr is an accomplished industry executive and served as CEO of Lindt & Sprüngli for its U.S. business from 1999 to 2016, before joining Tchibo.

"As the pandemic continues to impact coffee behavior and consumption, consumers are looking for a brand to trust, one providing a reliable, authentic experience from the comfort of home. With a strategic commitment to building and delivering a strong foundation of differentiated product, services and solutions, the time is right to bring the Tchibo experience to the U.S. and get the first batches brewed in these new markets," added Linemayr.

The Tchibo Difference: Aroma ProtectTM

The Tchibo Difference is grounded in the concept of RÖST FRISCH. Tchibo has redefined what it means to be fresh: from growing and harvesting to roasting and packaging, every step in the Tchibo process is dedicated to creating exquisitely fresh coffee for consumers to enjoy at home. It's not when you make it, but how you make it. At the exact moment when beans' flavors are most vibrant, fresh and intense from the



Whole Bean Bag



Ground Coffee Package







roasters, they are sealed to lock in over 800 different aromas as well as lock oxygen out. The sleek, gold packaging is innovatively engineered with the patented Aroma Protect Technology[™] to preserve the smell and taste of the exquisitely crafted coffees until they are poured into a cup. The team of Tchibo Röstmeister single roast the beans to a perfect finish, allowing their unique character and aromas to fully and individually develop.

Tchibo recognizes that in order to achieve the freshest, most sustainable coffee, it's imperative to have a healthy planet. The company believes in fair business practices for all actors along the coffee value chain. As a family-owned business, Tchibo has been personally and culturally committed to sustainability and fairness for many decades. Tchibo is one of the leading drivers in sustainable coffee initiatives and fairness standards, and committed to protecting the future of coffee, the environment, biodiversity, water resources, and workers safety and rights.

The Coffee

Available in ground or whole beans and in an assortment of sizes and formats, Tchibo will launch with a selection of its finest and freshest coffees, ranging in price from \$9.99 to \$17.49. Blends include:



MORNING BLEND: Oh, what a beautiful morning. Discover the gentle, refined coffee that combines light, harmonic aromas with an elegant taste. The Tchibo Röstmeister have put together an exquisite recipe of 100% Arabica beans from the Latin American coffee belt. It's lightly roasted with delicate hints of chocolate. *Light Roast; Available in ground*

COLOMBIA ORIGIN: This beloved coffee is single-sourced from high elevations in the Colombian Andes. Colombia Origin is a bright, aromatic coffee with a smooth medium roast. The hand-harvested 100% Arabica beans give it its rounded texture, vibrant aromas with a subtle fruity flavor. *Medium Roast; Available in ground*

CLASSIC BLEND: The renowned Tchibo house blend inspired by European coffee culture. Complex and elegant. Tchibo Röstmeister single roast these 100% Arabica beans to a bold medium roast with a powerful flavor. It has a satiny finish with rich, lively aromas of red berries and dried fruits. *Medium Roast; Available in ground and whole bean*

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RÖSTMEISTER: The pride and namesake of Tchibo Röstmeister, this coffee is for people who really love the flavor of coffee. It's the strongest, darkest roasted 100% Arabica bean from Tchibo. Bold and delicious, it's perfect for your espresso or cafe au lait. It's roasted the longest of all Tchibo coffees, to bring out its full, rich body. This dark-roasted strong bean features exquisite hints and aromas of bittersweet chocolate. *Dark Roast; Available in ground and whole bean*

Markets and Availability

Prior to a full-phased national roll-out, Tchibo will be piloted at a cross section of diverse retailers throughout Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin.

Tchibo is also available for nationwide shipping at Tchibo.com.

"Our goal is to put 'better for you' products into the market and the commitment of Tchibo to freshness, sustainability and innovative technology is superb. With the rise in at-home coffee consumption and continued changing consumer behavior as a result of the pandemic, there has never been a more important time to provide better choices to consumers. We're thrilled to partner with a legacy brand, and introduce the U.S. to such a clean, vibrant and delicious coffee experience," said Chris Mattina, Founder and President, Rainmaker Food Solutions.

About Tchibo

Founded in 1949, Tchibo has been delighting coffee connoisseurs for over 70 years, becoming the #1 coffeehouse in Europe. Now available in the U.S. and carried throughout Europe, Tchibo is the roasted coffee market leader in several European countries. In addition to coffee products, Tchibo operates a wide range of non-food businesses in Europe with a large retail arm operating in more than 900 shops, 24,300 outposts at third-party retail outlets, and online stores. Tchibo has 11,450 employees worldwide, and generated revenues of over \$3.6 billion in 2019.

The Tchibo difference is grounded in the concept of RÖST FRISCH, redefining what it means to be fresh. From growing and harvesting to roasting and packaging, every step in the Tchibo process is 'fresher by design' and dedicated to creating exquisitely fresh coffee for consumers to enjoy at home. Tchibo recognizes that it is imperative to have a healthy planet to achieve the freshest and most sustainable coffee. With global headquarters in Hamburg, the family-owned business has been recognized with multiple awards for its sustainable, fair-trade practices, including the award for Corporate Ethics and the Environmental Logistics Award and the European Union's CSR Award. In 2016 Tchibo was awarded Germany's most sustainable major enterprise. Learn more at Tchibo.com; follow us at Instagram, and Facebook.

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