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May 13, 2009 - <u>PRLog</u> -- Parker & Associates, Inc. a seasoned boutique retail brokerage company is proud to announce that Café Rio (www.caferio.com) has signed a ten year lease at the Shops at Lake Forest.

The Lake Forest restaurant will be the first California location for the chain, which is headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. With 25 stores currently established throughout Utah, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada and Colorado, the health-oriented, fast-casual restaurant is in an exciting phase of expansion. The menu offerings, inspired from the Rio Grande Valley regions of Northern Mexico, Texas and New Mexico, are prepared fresh each day from scratch using traditional recipes and techniques.

Dan Parker, president of Parker & Associates, Inc. represented the landlord in negotiations for the 3,200 sq ft end cap space at 24312 Rockfield Boulevard, in Lake Forest, CA. Café Rio was represented by Kyle Kavanaugh of Main + Main, Inc. During the process of lease negotiations, Parker & Associates also represented the seller, DRB Shops, LLC in the sale of the 122,540 sq ft Shops at Lake Forest.

"It is exciting to bring such a quality tenant to the state. Café Rio is known for extremely high standards, and I believe the restaurant will make a very strong impression on the Orange County market," stated Dan Parker.

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