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New Executive Hires Fuel Consumer Driven Fisher Nut Growth
Innovation, Food Safety Positions At JBSS Filled By Industry Stalwarts

Elgin, IL. - John B. Sanfilippo and Son, Inc, (NASDAQ: JBSS) www.jbssinc.com, owner of the Fisher Nuts brand, is pleased to announce the appointment of two highly experienced food industry professionals to its executive team.

Corporate Microbiologist Robson Ehioba, PhD, comes to JBSS with more than 20 years of experience at many Fortune 100 food industry companies including the Thomas J. Lipton Co., Abbott Nutrition, Campbell Soup Co. and Mars, Inc. He earned his doctorate degree at Iowa State University.

Everett “Ed” Dudley, the new Director of Innovation at JBSS, brings proven research and development, sensory evaluation and consumer testing experience as the company continues to expand its consumer-driven product line. Prior to JBSS, Dudley was the director of research and development and sensory evaluation for a Chicago-based food and beverage consultancy. He has also worked for many prominent food and beverage companies including PepsiCo and Kraft foods. Dudley earned bachelor and master’s degrees in food science from Cornell University.

Ehioba will lead the development and implementation of JBSS food safety and microbiological policies and programs. He will draw on his experience at many large companies to enhance the safety and quality of JBSS’ expanding product line and processing facilities.

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“I’m excited to be a member of the JBSS team as the organization looks to build its food safety programs to best in class, leverage its excellent market position in the nuts and snack categories and grow the business globally,” Ehioba said. “This is an exciting time at JBSS and I’m delighted to be part of its dynamic team.”

In his role, Dudley will lead the JBSS R&D/Innovation team in the development of new products and technologies that give customers unique and sustainable competitive advantages in a crowded marketplace. Dudley will oversee the development of a rapidly expanding JBSS product line that features its premium nuts in a variety of time-saving, convenient and wholesome cooking, baking and foodservice options.

“I feel privileged to be part of JBSS during a time of great innovation and growth at the company,” Dudley said. “I want to capitalize on the great innovation that has driven the company in recent years to continue the development of value-added new products that consumers want and need. The JBSS focus on customers is key to every facet of the business. It’s a company that meets the needs of consumers who want convenience, exciting flavors and healthy choices.”

The new hires follow a trend at JBSS that has seen several key positions filled in recent months as the company leverages an aggressive growth strategy that has increased product variety.

“Our nut and snack products are enjoying explosive popularity in the U.S. and around the world,” said JBSS CEO Jeffrey Sanfilippo. “As consumers become more sophisticated about food choices and healthy snacking, they stand to benefit from our array of healthy, tasty and convenient options in a fast-paced world. The company growth required to meet those consumer needs requires innovative and energetic leaders like Ed and Robson who know the business inside and out and share our vision for continued market growth. Having them as part of the team underscores our continued commitment to our customers to provide value added nut solutions.”

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About John B. Sanfilippo & Son, Inc.:

John B. Sanfilippo & Son, Inc., (NASDAQ: JBSS), founded in 1922, is a leading processor, marketer and distributor of shelled and in-shell nuts and extruded snacks that are sold in multiple distribution channels. Their products can be found under the company's Fisher and Sunshine Country brand names and under a variety of private labels.