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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **ARYZTA Celebrates Opening of Distribution Center in Romeoville, IL**

*New Facility Symbolizes Strong Partnership and Commitment to Growth in Local Community*

Romeoville, IL (Dec. 1, 2016) - ARYZTA®, the third largest global baking company, held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the grand opening of its distribution center located in Romeoville, IL. The 193,000 sq. ft. facility adds to ARYZTA's presence in Romeoville, where one of the company's bakeries is located.

Members of the Romeoville community and Chicagoland area were in attendance during the ribbon cutting ceremony. The state-of-the-art facility specializes in cold storage and will store foods that are made at ARYZTA's Chicagoland area bakeries. It features innovative technologies such as hydrogen-fueled material handling equipment, LED lighting and a high efficiency Ammonia refrigeration system.

"This new facility is a great addition to Romeoville and it reflects our enthusiasm for a continued presence in this community," said Andrew Brimacombe, President, ARYZTA US Consumer Foods. "The cold storage solutions that this distribution center provides will help us continue to meet the needs of our customers."

ARYZTA worked with Meridian Design Build, WBS Equities and the City of Romeoville on the construction, development and completion of this facility. Meridian Design Build acted as the design build general contractor for the project and WBS Equities, LLC acted as development manager and assisted in preliminary project planning, entitlements, and site acquisition. Architectural and structural design services were provided by Ware Malcomb and civil engineering work was completed by Jacob & Hefner Associates.

"ARYZTA provides quality jobs to our community and they have been an important part of our business community," said Romeoville Mayor John Noak. "We are excited to partner with ARYZTA on their expansion."

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#### **About ARYZTA**

ARYZTA is a global baking company that provides retail and foodservice customers with a portfolio of baked goods and bakery solutions so they can deliver memorable, delicious food to consumers. With operations in the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, ARYZTA has become a global leader in the baked goods industry and one of the largest specialty bakery



companies in the world. ARYZTA's leading bakery brands in North America include La Brea Bakery®, Otis Spunkmeyer®, and Oakrun Farm Bakery®. ARYZTA operates 58 state-of-the-art bakeries and kitchens around the globe, with 26 of those in North America, and is committed to driving innovation, predicting upcoming consumer trends and flavors, and exceeding customers' expectations. Visit [www.aryztaamericas.com](http://www.aryztaamericas.com) to learn more.

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Meridian Design Build, a member of the U.S. Green Building Council, offers full-service general contracting and design/build services to the industrial, office, healthcare, retail, hospitality, and commercial markets. More information on Meridian Design Build can be found at [www.meridiandb.com](http://www.meridiandb.com).



***Pictured (from left to right):*** Peter Stadler – Meridian Design Build; Dean Kelley – Abbott Land & Investment; Howard Green – Meridian Design Build; Romeoville Mayor John D. Noak; Andrew Brimacombe – President, ARYZTA US Consumer Foods; Wendy Berger – WBS Equities; Michelle Jarnutowski – Executive Director - Romeoville Area Chamber of Commerce; and Ben Weishaar – WBS Equities