

## **HME Named "Vendor of the Year" by Checkers/Rally's Drive-In Restaurants, Inc.**

**SAN DIEGO, CA – September 5, 2008** – HME receives the coveted "Vendor of the Year" award from Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc, reinforcing HME's well-known reputation for quality products and excellent customer service.

"HME has been an outstanding vendor and partner to Checkers," said Tammy Robinson, Equipment and Facilities Buyer at Checkers. "HME offers top quality products and competitive pricing, coupled with a superior program and guest service." HME helped Checkers restaurants achieve their drive-thru speed and service goals.

"We are deeply honored to receive this award from Checkers," commented Paul Foley, VP of Sales. "It's rewarding to know that HME has made a valuable impact on Checkers' operations and service."

HME shares the distinguished title this year with two other "Vendor of the Year" recipients: Coca-Cola and Schwartz Consulting who were selected from approximately 200 total vendors.

For more information on the Checkers' Vendor of the Year Award or other HME QSR solutions, please call (800) 848-4468 or log-on to [www.hme.com](http://www.hme.com).

### **About Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc.**

Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc. ([www.checkers.com](http://www.checkers.com)) is the largest double drive-thru restaurant chain in the United States. The Company develops, owns, operates and franchises quick-service Checkers®/Rally's® double drive-thru restaurants. In recent years, Checkers/Rally's has been awarded several of the industry's most coveted recognitions: Best Drive-Thru in America in the QSR Drive-Thru Study for Rally's; Nation's Restaurant News Hot! Again Award for Checkers' sizzling business performance; and the American Business Award SM for the Best Executive in America.

### **About HME**

HME was the first to introduce the wireless drive-thru headset to the QSR industry. Today, we lead the industry in the number of worldwide QSR communication and timer system installations. HME is the only manufacturer that provides total solutions for the QSR drive-thru, including wireless and cabled communication systems, timers, service and support.

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