



## QUARTINO RISTORANTE & WINE BAR SAYS "CIAO" TO TEXAS

*Nationally renowned Gibsons Restaurant Group expands to Dallas-area Grandscape development*

CHICAGO — November 1, 2018 — Today, authentic Italian restaurant Quartino Ristorante & Wine Bar, a member of Chicago's iconic hospitality brand Gibsons Restaurant Group (GRG), has signed a lease at the new Grandscape development in The Colony, a northern suburb in the Dallas, Texas metropolitan area. Scheduled to open in 2020, this marks GRG's debut in Texas and will be the first Quartino to open since the original opened on Chicago's State Street in December 2005.

This is the 15th location for Gibsons Restaurant Group, one of the highest-grossing independent restaurant groups in the country and the first in the US to have its own USDA Prime Angus beef certification.

"We're excited to join the Dallas-area community and bring our long-standing core values of hospitality, quality, value and family to Texas," said GRG's founder Steve Lombardo. "Quartino is known for its commitment to the highest quality, authentic Italian food and wine, a lively dining experience and putting the customer first, and we can't wait to bring this experience to Grandscape guests."

Quartino's founding chef John Coletta will create the menu at Quartino in The Colony, appealing to local shoppers, tourists and residents of buildings within the complex. It will include signature dishes such as Neapolitan pizza, handmade pastas and risottos and regional specialties like artisanal salumi and housemade cheeses, served alongside an extensive, value-driven wine list and Italian cocktails.

Located in the Grotto district of the Grandscape development, Quartino Ristorante & Wine Bar will span two levels with a mix of indoor and outdoor bar and dining room seating. The exterior of the restaurant will feature sand-toned bricks with awnings shaded by ivy, giving the space a relaxed, yet refined vibe. Quartino is one of several dining destinations confirmed to join the mixed-use Grandscape property.

"We are thrilled to have Gibsons Restaurant Group bring their Quartino concept to Grandscape. Quartino will add to the unique experiences available for visitors to Grandscape and fits perfectly with our vision of unmatched tenants and creating the feeling of time well spent with every visit," said Jeff Lind, Grandscape President.

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### About Quartino Ristorante & Wine Bar

Quartino Ristorante & Wine Bar is a lively, authentic Italian restaurant and wine bar in Chicago's River North neighborhood. Opened by Gibsons Restaurant Group and founding chef John Coletta in December 2005, Quartino features a menu of Italian small plates that focus on regional specialties made in-house with the highest respect for Italian culinary traditions. The menu includes a wide variety of artisanal salumi, housemade cheeses, Neapolitan pizza, pastas handmade in the dedicated pasta

kitchen, risotto, and seafood. Quartino's extensive, value-driven wine list highlights interesting selections from the highest quality, family-owned, small-production Italian wine estates. Wines are available by the quartino (quarter liter), mezzo (half liter), litro (liter) and bottle. Cocktail options range from classics such as negronis and housemade limoncello to Italian-inspired craft cocktails that change seasonally. Quartino is the recipient of the coveted *Ospitalita Italiana*, which is awarded by the Italian government and recognizes restaurants that uphold the traditions of Italian culture. In 2018, Quartino was named one of the world's 70 best restaurants with a pizzeria by *Ristorazione Italiana Magazine*. Always festive and welcoming with two spacious levels and outdoor seating, Quartino Ristorante & Wine Bar is open daily for lunch and dinner with brunch on the weekends. Please visit [www.quartinochicago.com](http://www.quartinochicago.com) for more information.

#### About Gibsons Restaurant Group

Gibsons Restaurant Group (GRG) began in 1989 with the founding of Chicago's iconic Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse on Rush Street by Steve Lombardo and Hugo Ralli. With the core philosophy of providing the best hospitality, quality and value to its customers, Gibsons quickly became one of the top restaurants in Chicago. Today, GRG operates 14 locations in 4 states and 9 distinguished concepts, including Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, Hugo's Frog Bar & Fish House, LUXBAR, Quartino Ristorante & Wine Bar, Gibsons Italia and The BOATHOUSE - a partnership with Creative Attractions (founders of Rainforest Cafe). Six GRG restaurants are in the top 100 highest-grossing in the United States, according to *Restaurant Business*. In addition, GRG manages premier independent restaurants including RL Restaurant in Chicago and The Polo Bar in New York on behalf of Ralph Lauren, ChiSox Bar & Grill on behalf of the Chicago White Sox and Hugo's Frog Bar & Chop House on behalf of Rivers Casino and SugarHouse Casino. All locations owned or operated by Gibsons Restaurant Group embody its core philosophy, which has contributed to its continued growth and success. Please visit [www.grgmc.com](http://www.grgmc.com) for more information.

#### About Grandscape

Grandscape will be one of the largest and most unique mixed-use real estate developments in the country upon completion. Located in the Dallas, Texas metropolitan area and being developed by Nebraska Furniture Mart, a Berkshire Hathaway company, the project will stretch across more than 400 acres, and feature more than 3.9 million square feet of retail, entertainment, residential, dining and attractions. The Nebraska Furniture Mart store, just under 1.9 million square feet, along with a 331,000 square foot Scheel's Sporting Goods store are two of the first-in-Texas super regional destination retailers along with Galaxy Theatres and Andretti Indoor Karting & Games. Phase one opens Summer 2019, with Phase two following in 2020, visit [www.grandscape.com](http://www.grandscape.com) for more information.