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PRESS RELEASE

QUARTINO RISTORANTE TO OPEN FIRST TEXAS LOCATION IN THE COLONY

The Colony, TX (June 7, 2023) – Quartino Ristorante and Wine Bar, a Chicago-based authentic Italian neighborhood restaurant, pizzeria, and wine bar, has announced that its first location in Texas will open on June 19, 2023, in the Grotto District of Grandscape, in The Colony, TX. Quartino will occupy two levels of indoor and outdoor bar and dining room seating. A red-toned brick exterior with awnings gives the space a relaxed yet refined vibe.

Quartino features an approachable menu of Italian shared plates that feature regional specialties, like artisanal salumi, housemade cheeses, Neapolitan-style pizza, handmade pasta, Aquerello risotto, and seafood. Quartino offers an expansive, value-driven wine list that highlights the highest quality, family-owned, small-production wines available by the quartino (quarter liter), mezzo (half-liter), litro (liter) and bottle. In addition to wine, classic craft cocktails, negronis, and housemade limoncello are hallmarks of Quartino that change with the seasons.

Gibsons Restaurant Group (GRG) owns and operates Quartino and other iconic American brands like Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse and Gibsons Italia in Chicago and The Boathouse at Disney Springs in Orlando, FL, and many other highly successful dining concepts.

GRG chose to expand into Texas because of the area's promising future. This is the first Quartino to open since the original opened in 2005. It is the latest location for GRG, one of the highest-grossing independent restaurant groups in the nation.

Quartino's General Manager, Erick Starke, recently relocated his family from Chicago to The Colony. He says, "Quartino selected The Colony as its first home in Texas because of its friendly people, incomparable growth, culture, and diversity. Our goal is to serve up southern hospitality Italian style and create an unforgettable experience for our

customers." Starke noted that customers may make dining reservations at
***.quartinoristorante.com.

Customer satisfaction is at the heart of every GRG restaurant, and Steve Lombardo, Founder of GRG, can't wait for Quartino to open its new doors in the Lone Star State.

"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 are excited to bring this experience to North Texas," Lombardo said.

Quartino is located at 5754 Grandscape Blvd, The Colony, TX 75056, directly behind and across the street from Andretti Indoor Karting and Games, and next to Thirsty Lion.

About Quartino:

Quartino Ristorante & Wine Bar first opened in December 2005 by Gibsons Restaurant Group and founding chef John Coletta in Chicago's vibrant and bustling River North neighborhood. 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 2022, Thrillist named Quartino as one of the Best Italian restaurants in Chicago. Quartino is on Open Table's 2019 list of the 100 Best Restaurants in America for a Big Night Out. 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.

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About Gibsons Restaurant Group:

Gibsons Restaurant Group (GRG) began in 1989 with the founding of Chicago's iconic Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse on Rush Street. 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 several distinguished concepts, including Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, Hugo's Frog Bar & Fish House, LUXBAR, Quartino Ristorante & Wine Bar, Gibsons Italia and The BOATHOUSE. Several GRG restaurants are in the top 100 highest-grossing in the United States, according to *Restaurant Business*. Gibsons launched its online retail shop (gibsonssteak.com) in 2020, selling steaks, chops and seafood nationwide. In addition, GRG manages premier independent restaurants including RL Restaurant in Chicago 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. In partnership with José Andrés Group, GRG has recently opened Bazaar Meat, Bar Mar, & Café by the River in Chicago. This joint venture represents an unprecedented pairing of GRG's Lombardo family with the two-Michelin star Chef Andrés, combining the culinary ingenuity of his José Andrés Group with the operational expertise of the Gibsons team. All locations owned or operated by Gibsons Restaurant Group embody its core philosophy, which has contributed to its continued growth and success.

About Grandscape:

Grandscape is a brand-new, one-of-a-kind outdoor entertainment, dining and shopping destination – an oasis in the middle of North Texas. It includes NFM and Scheels, as well as chef-driven, world-class restaurants, lush landscaping, family-friendly experiences, entertainment and events. As the 2021 recipient of the RLI International Award for Most Innovative Entertainment & Retail Project, Grandscape continues to lead the way for experience destinations around the globe. For more information visit www.grandscape.com or follow us on our social channels @grandscapeTX.

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