

New York's Award-Winning Carbone To Make Its West Coast Debut At ARIA Resort & Casino In Las Vegas

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Finalist for 2014 James Beard Award's "Best New Restaurant" Makes Second U.S. home at Five Diamond Resort in the Heart of Las Vegas Strip

LAS VEGAS, May 13, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- New York's critically acclaimed Carbone restaurant will bring its show-stopping, Italian-American dining experience to the bright lights of Las Vegas when it debuts this fall at ARIA Resort & Casino.

The celebrated concept from Mario Carbone, Rich Torrisi and Jeff Zalaznick pays homage to the Italian-American restaurants of the mid-20th century – an era of glamour, showmanship and tableside service. The food is inspired by that same time in history, but takes its culinary cues from the great talents and techniques of today showcasing elevated classics such as Lobster Fra Diavola, Chicken Scarpariello, Veal Parmesan and Octopus Pizzaiolo.

The Greenwich Village-based restaurant opened in 2013 and received tremendous accolades during its first year, including three stars by The New York Times, five out of five stars from Time Out New York, and a nod from the James Beard Foundation as a finalist for "Best New Restaurant" in the country.

This will not be a replica of Carbone New York, but rather a Carbone for Las Vegas. While the menu will be very similar, the design will be inspired by the history of Las Vegas and the Rat Pack era, which also was a reference point for the original locale. "Las Vegas and New York had a synergy during that time period," said Jeff Zalaznick, managing partner. "The same people who were eating at Rocco's in New York were eating at the Sands in Las Vegas with similar experiences, including Captain-driven service and tableside presentations. Carbone at ARIA will embody that glamorous era of Sin City."

MGM Resorts Senior Vice President of Food and Beverage Ari Kastrati said, "We're proud to introduce Las Vegas visitors and locals to Carbone, an exceptional eatery that New Yorkers, who are arguably the world's most discerning travelers, have widely embraced. Juxtaposed with ARIA's modern architecture, Carbone will deliver an authentic

experience that embodies the 50s and 60s of Las Vegas."

Abundance, hospitality and generosity are key themes for the restaurant. The waiters – known as "Captains" – are exceptionally skilled professionals with a New York edge. Each Captain has been hand selected by the Carbone family to deliver the entertaining attitude and premier service for which the restaurant is renowned. The Captains will don iconic burgundy tuxedos, created by legendary fashion designer Zac Posen to reflect the fashion during the late 1950s. All elements of the Carbone experience will be carefully curated – from the hand-painted plates that remind diners of grandma's house to era-specific music – to bring Carbone's unique soul to life.

A core part of the theatrical dining experience at Carbone Las Vegas will be an elevated approach to tableside service. Chef Mario Carbone said, "Our ARIA restaurant will be larger than the New York location, which offers the opportunity to place an even greater focus on creative tableside presentations, from our Caesar salad and pulled mozzarella to our lamb chops. These little touches all work together to create a fun fine dining experience. Food is more important to me than anything in the world, but at the end of the day, what I want to do is have a great time with the best food – and the possibilities for that in Las Vegas are endless."

Carbone will open in October in the middle of the exciting dining scene on ARIA's Promenade Level, neighboring Jean Georges Steakhouse and Michael Mina's BARDOT Brasserie.

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