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KALAHARI RESORTS AND CONVENTIONS OPENS SORTINO'S ITALIAN KITCHEN THIS FALL

Resort will continue Sortino family legacy of serving Sicilian favorites to Sandusky residents

Sandusky, Ohio (Sept. 10, 2020) – [Kalahari Resorts and Conventions](#), the ultimate all-under-one-roof family vacation destination, will add Sortino's Italian Kitchen to its resort restaurant lineup this fall. Following the closure of the original Sandusky restaurant, [Sortino's Little Italy](#), Kalahari will continue to carry on the family's legacy, serving Sicilian favorites to resort guests and local diners. Sortino's Italian Kitchen will be the second signature restaurant at Kalahari, joining B-Lux Grill and Bar as a premium dining experience.

"Our family has been long-time friends with George and the whole Sortino family, so we're honored to continue their legacy and support another family-owned business in the Sandusky community," said Todd Nelson, owner of Kalahari Resorts and Conventions. "We first brought Sortino's to our Pocono Mountain, Pennsylvania location in 2017, and it has been a huge success. We're bringing Sortino's to our newest property opening in Round Rock, Texas this November, and we're excited to expand the on-site dining options at our Sandusky resort, as well."

Brothers George and Jimmy Sortino brought authentic Sicilian cooking to Sandusky, Ohio starting in 1974, using recipes passed down from generation to generation to their father, Michele Sortino, who immigrated from Modica, Sicily, in 1952.

"Our family has shared our love of Sicilian cuisine with guests for 46 years, so closing the original restaurant is the end of an era for us," said George Sortino, owner of Sortino's Little Italy. "It was an honor when Todd and the Kalahari team expanded our family brand to its Poconos location, and we're glad Kalahari will continue to offer our recipes to our Sandusky customers, as well as resort guests."

Sortino's Italian Kitchen at Kalahari Resorts will be located in the Kalahari lobby, where George will occasionally visit, greet guests and ensure his family's tradition lives on. The restaurant will continue to serve restaurant favorites, including a special collection of George's own personal favorite dishes. Sortino's Italian Kitchen at Kalahari will open late this fall.

About Kalahari Resorts and Conventions

Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, Sandusky, Ohio, the Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania, and opening soon in Round Rock, Texas, deliver a beyond-expectations waterpark resort and conference experience all under one roof. The authentically African-themed Kalahari Resorts, privately owned by the Nelson family, are home to America's largest indoor waterparks. All Kalahari Resorts feature well-appointed guest rooms, full-service Spa Kalahari, a fun-filled family entertainment center, on-site signature restaurants, unique retail shops and a state-of-the-art convention center. Kalahari Resorts and Conventions frequently receives awards and accolades for its guest and convention services. Recognition includes: Condé Nast Traveler's #1 World's Coolest Indoor Waterparks, Sensory Friendly Certified in 2020 (Ohio), Best Family-Friendly Meeting Hotel and Resort in Smart Meeting's 2020 Smart Stars Awards, Parents' Magazine 2019 Kids' Travel Award Winner and TripAdvisor's 2018 and 2017 Travelers' Choice Awards. For reservation and guest information, call 1-877-KALAHARI (525-2427) or visit [KalahariResorts.com](#). To learn more about Kalahari Resorts, members of the media are encouraged to visit [KalahariMedia.com](#).

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