

## Kalahari Resorts & Conventions in Wisconsin Dells Announces the Addition of Sortino's Italian Kitchen

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Wisconsin Dells, WI (Sept. 12, 2024) – <u>Kalahari Resorts & Conventions</u>, home to America's Largest Indoor Waterparks, is opening a new signature restaurant, <u>Sortino's Italian Kitchen</u>, at its Wisconsin Dells resort. Construction is currently underway for the 4 thousand-square-foot restaurant, estimated to open by the end of the year.

Sortino's Italian Kitchen, seating 200 guests and featuring a full-service bar, will soon open in the newly updated lobby of Kalahari Resorts in Wisconsin Dells. This restaurant takes over the former location of the Ivory Coast restaurant and will offer an array of traditional old-school Italian dishes, serving both lunch and dinner.

"Kalahari could not be more excited to announce the addition of Sortino's Italian Kitchen to our already impressive signature dining roster at our Wisconsin Dells resort," said Todd Nelson, CEO, owner, and founder of Kalahari Resorts. "Culinary excellence is one of the many ways we provide beyond expectations experiences to guests."

Sortino's Italian Kitchen was originally started in Sandusky, Ohio six decades ago by Sicilian brothers Giorgio (George) and Giacamo Sortino. The Nelson family, owners and operators of Kalahari Resorts, developed a close relationship with the Sortino family and eventually opened a Sortino's restaurant at their Ohio resort. Due to its success, Kalahari has also opened Sortino's locations in both their Round Rock, Texas and Pocono Mountains resorts.

"Our family has cultivated a close friendship with George and the entire Sortino family over the years, and it's a true honor for us to offer the beloved dishes and drinks and warm, welcoming service that Sortino's is known for at our resorts," continued Nelson.

Guests can look forward to signature dishes such as hand-tossed pizza made with San Marzano pizza sauce or guest favorite, Pasta Mafia, a fettuccine dish with olive oil with garlic, scallions, broccoli, peppers, steak, all tossed in a spicy Parmesan cream sauce. Sortino's will also offer a full wine list, house-made Limoncello, and Italian favorite desserts including Classic Tiramisu, Cannoli, and assorted flavors of Italian Gelato.

The addition of Sortino's Italian Kitchen is one of several new amenities and renovations Kalahari has added in recent years. Other additions include 237 new rooms, a renovated Spa Kalahari, all-new splash pad and dry playground, an expansive lobby renovation, and the addition of Cinco Niños Modern Mexican restaurant and tequila bar.

For more information, please visit the Kalahari Resorts media site at <u>kalaharimedia.com</u>. Photos can be viewed here.

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## **About Kalahari Resorts and Conventions**

Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, Sandusky, Ohio, the Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania, Round Rock, Texas, and opening soon in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, 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. Todd and Shari Nelson, the founders of Kalahari Resorts, were honored with an induction into the Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame in 2023. All Kalahari Resorts feature well-appointed guest rooms and suites, the 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. For more information, members of the media are encouraged to visit kalaharimedia.com.