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MASTRO'S OCEAN CLUB OPENS IN FORT LAUDERDALE

Nationally Acclaimed, High-End Seafood and Steak Restaurant Joins the Sunshine State

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – Mastro's Ocean Club will open its doors to discerning diners in Fort Lauderdale on Thursday, July 19. Highly acclaimed by celebrities, critics, and savvy diners, Mastro's Ocean Club is recognized for its unsurpassed service and paramount dining experience featuring only the finest quality seafood and steaks. Located on Fort Lauderdale's Intercoastal Waterway, the restaurant will boast breathtaking waterfront views and convenient yacht docking for guests arriving by boat.

Mastro's Ocean Club offers guests a first-class dining experience in a cosmopolitan and entertaining atmosphere. The restaurant is revered for serving the freshest seafood and mouthwatering USDA Prime steaks, complemented with superb appetizers, family-style side dishes and house-made desserts. Guest favorites include Lobster Mashed Potatoes, a two-foot-tall Seafood Tower, delectable sushi selections developed by international famed sushi chef Angel Carbajal of Cabo San Lucas's Nick-San, and melt-in-your-mouth Warm Butter Cake. Mastro's also introduces new dishes that are exclusively featured on the Fort Lauderdale menu, including *Fried Point Judith Calamari*, *Florida Grouper* and *Locally Caught Florida Snapper*. In addition to the sophisticated dinner menu, Mastro's will offer decadent brunch selections on Saturday and Sunday from noon – 3 p.m.

“Mastro's Restaurants looks forward to opening its first location in another great state. We are thrilled to bring the finest to Florida and know it will thrive,” said Mark Levy, Mastro's President and COO. “We're very excited to serve the Fort Lauderdale community and its visitors our delectable dishes coupled with an unparalleled dining experience.”

Executive Chef Rocco Nankervis oversees the kitchen and its daily culinary preparations. Chef Rocco brings more than a decade of culinary experience to Mastro's Ocean Club, including impressive beginnings at the Ritz-Carlton in Fort Lauderdale and The Waldorf Astoria in Naples. Since then, Chef Rocco has appeared on Food Network's Chopped, CNBC's Billion Dollar Buyer, and has won multiple major cooking competitions.

Mastro's lively atmosphere is complete with Top 40 live entertainment daily in the Piano Lounge, the see-and-be-seen bar area. Guests can enjoy spirits and handcrafted cocktails, including Mastro's signature smoking Lemon Drop and Cosmo martinis, served up by skilled mixologists; or sip on the finest wines from the restaurant's extensive collection. Semi-private dining options are available for intimate celebrations and social gatherings of all kinds.

“Mastro's is one of the most recognizable and successful high-end seafood and steak restaurants in the U.S.,” said Tilman Fertitta, Chairman and CEO of Mastro's Restaurants. “Fort Lauderdale is a perfect complement for this concept and I'm are thrilled to open our first Florida location in this community.”

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Mastro's Ocean Club boasts locations in Las Vegas, Scottsdale, Malibu, Boston and Newport Beach. Mastro's Steakhouse has locations in Beverly Hills, Thousand Oaks, Costa Mesa, Palm Desert, Chicago, Houston, Scottsdale, New York City and Washington D.C.

Mastro's Ocean Club Fort Lauderdale is located at 300 NE 32nd Ave. Dining room is open Monday through Saturday from 5 PM – 11 PM; Sunday 5 PM – 10 PM. Piano Lounge is open daily from 5 PM – Close. Kathleen Calkins serves as Mastro's General Manager. Reservations can be made online at mastros.com or by calling 954-561-4800.

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