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Lakewood Ranch to Expand Offerings With Three New Waterside Place Tenants

New Concept Bella Vita Italian restaurant, Bay Area Aesthetics to Open First Lakewood Ranch Locations; and Lakewood Ranch Medical Group to Debut New Primary Care Facility

LAKEWOOD RANCH, FLA. (AUG. 6, 2021) – Lakewood Ranch, the nation’s best-selling master-planned community in the U.S., has announced three additional tenants that will open in the community’s new, 36-acre Waterside Place development, which is on track to become the region’s premier experiential lifestyle destination.

Set to open this fall, Waterside Place will embody the essence of Lakewood Ranch, serving as a retail, dining, wellness and entertainment hub with waterfront charm. Whether guests are looking to enjoy a morning coffee and jog along the nature trails or opt for an evening lakeside concert followed by dinner and craft beers with friends, Waterside Place will appeal to a variety of lifestyles and interests.

Upon opening, Waterside Place will serve as the heart of Waterside – Lakewood Ranch’s first Sarasota village – and offer an elevated community experience that extends beyond that of a traditional town center. Situated on a 36-acre peninsula overlooking the mile-long Kingfisher Lake, the development will blend arts and entertainment destinations with 115,000 square feet of unique in-line and freestanding commercial, retail and office space; diverse dining options; an eight-acre park; miles of nature trails; communal “pop-up” spaces, a water splash park, and more.

The town center will be further activated with festivals, music, and sporting activities, and will be the future home for the Farmers’ Market at LWR, further connecting local farmers and artisans with area residents and their guests. Additionally, Lakewood Ranch will work with Waterside Place tenants to create custom programming tailored to their consumers.

Bella Vita, Bay Area Aesthetics and the new Lakewood Ranch Medical Group primary care facility are set to join previously announced tenants: Good Liquid Brewing Co., 3 Form Fitness, ManCave for Men, O&A Coffee Supply, CROP Juice, Duck Donuts, Korê, PAINT Nail Bar, SmithLaw, The Yoga Shack and Kilwins.

Bella Vita – meaning “the good life” – will be an authentic Italian restaurant created by restaurateur and Italian native Giuseppe “Peppe” del Sol of Napule restaurant in Sarasota. This new “cucina napoletana” will offer Lakewood Ranch residents and visitors delicious Italian

cuisine in a welcoming environment inspired by Peppe's hometown island of Ischia in the Gulf of Naples, Italy.

Bay Area Aesthetics is a locally-owned medical spa led by Amy M. Lauvray Hurlebaus, a nationally board certified advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP). With over 25 years of experience, Amy aims to help patients look and feel their best at every life stage. Her services include skincare and rejuvenation, BOTOX® and injectables, signature treatments with medical-grade skincare products and more. This will be Bay Area Aesthetics' first location in Lakewood Ranch.

Additionally, **Lakewood Ranch Medical Group** will open a primary care facility at Waterside Place this fall, following the trend of neighborhood-based healthcare. The new, 7,000 square-foot clinic will offer Lakewood Ranch residents a spacious, convenient and centralized location for primary care visits.

Andy Guz, CEO of Lakewood Ranch Medical Center, anticipates the facility will initially staff two physicians who can accommodate up to 60 patients per day. Guz expects to add additional doctors as the new clinic begins to attract more Lakewood Ranch residents with its health and wellness activations and pop-ups – a strong pillar of the community's lifestyle.

“Our mantra, when it comes to leasing at Waterside Place, is to look for only best-in-class restauranters, retailers and shops, which has been a successful focus as shown by the quality of our current tenant list,” said Kirk Boylston, president of Lakewood Ranch Commercial. “Without exception, these tenants are among the best in the region and will provide an unmatched user experience at Waterside Place. We clearly have narrowed the pool of candidate tenants, but the level of quality in the design, construction and programming at Waterside Place has allowed us to be successful as we continue to lease up the project.”

Other future amenities include the beloved **Players Centre for Performing Arts, which is relocating from Sarasota** to an expanded, 70,000 square foot performing arts center at Waterside Place.

Waterside will feature more than 5,000 for-sale and rental homes in a variety of neighborhoods ranging from \$280k to over \$2M. All neighborhoods are connected to Waterside Place via trails and many homes will benefit from water taxis to the town center. To date, over 1,300 homes have been sold or leased in Waterside's Shoreview, Lakehouse Cove, The Adley, Botanic, and Grande Living neighborhoods.

Founded in 1994, Lakewood Ranch spans over 20 villages and is consistently rated as one of the best-selling master-planned communities in the country by both RCLCO and John Burns Real Estate Consulting, two independent real estate consulting firms. In July of 2021, Lakewood Ranch was named the best-selling, master-planned community in the country according to RCLCO's mid-year rankings. In January, both firms designated Lakewood Ranch as the best-selling master-planned community in the U.S. for the second year in a row.

For more information about Waterside and Waterside Place, visit www.WatersidePlace.com. For more information on Lakewood Ranch, please contact Lisa Barnott at 941-757-1542.

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About Lakewood Ranch

Lakewood Ranch is the 33,000+-acre award-winning master-planned community in Sarasota and Manatee counties on the West Coast of Florida. Just minutes from the Gulf Coast beaches and cultural assets in Sarasota, Lakewood Ranch is already home to more than 52,000 residents and features A-rated schools, the Lakewood Ranch Medical Center, the Sarasota Polo Club, the 75-acre Premier Sports Campus, its own Main Street with theaters, shopping and dining, and more than 5.7 million square feet of commercial property. For more information visit www.lakewoodranch.com.