

Caramella at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino is Now Accepting Reservations

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Reservations are now available on **OpenTable** for the new Italian concept

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LAS VEGAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 12, 2024-- A decadent dining and lounge experience by Caesars Entertainment and Tao Group Hospitality is opening soon at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino. Caramella, a new Italian restaurant with an expansive terrace overlooking The Strip and a swanky cocktail lounge, is now accepting reservations via <u>OpenTable</u>.

"We are so fortunate to partner with Tao Group Hospitality again to create a fun and dynamic destination restaurant and lounge," said Ken Ostempowski, SVP and General Manager of Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino. "Caramella is the perfect place to enjoy dinner and drinks before a concert at PH Live or dine al fresco on the terrace with spectacular views of the Las Vegas Strip. We look forward to welcoming our guests very soon."

Designed by Fettle, Caramella is part restaurant and part lounge, drawing inspiration from 1970s Italy. Upon entry, guests are taken through a velvet vestibule, where a Murano glass chandelier hovers above, creating the focal points of the bar and lounge and setting the tone for the spaces that follow. Glossy finishes and backlit onyx walls adorn the restaurant and represent the spirit of the era.

A candy shop stacked with Italian treats from top to bottom sits in the center of the restaurant. Behind a secret door within the shop is a kitsch, moody lounge dressed in '70s wallpaper and centered around a mirror mosaic DJ booth. A mix of layered leopard print fabrics and geometric rugs add an edge of whimsy to the aesthetic of the lounge.

Tao Group Hospitality's Chief Culinary Officer, Ralph Scamardella, has created an incredible menu, including original takes on regional Italian favorites, indulgent pastas and a selection of meats served Tuscan-style with decadent sides à la carte.

Diners can dive into a variety of appetizers to start. The **Bone Marrow Surf & Turf** features rock shrimp drizzled in garlic butter, while the **Wagyu Beef Tartare** is accompanied by cornichons, Dijon mustard and a fried egg.

An Italian eatery would not be complete without a selection of delicious pastas, such as the **Blue Crab Malfadine**, made with lemon, heavy cream and topped with toasted breadcrumbs, or the **Cavatelli Bolognese**, a dish of ground veal, tomato and parmesan. Another favorite is the **Baked Manicotti** with ricotta, spinach and marinara. Additionally, seafood entree options range from **Grilled Octopus** to a **2-pound Lobster Arrabiata**.

Guests can also choose from a lineup of creative cocktails, including the **Midnight Oil**, a bold, rich concoction featuring Pendleton Midnight Whisky, Amaro Nonino Quintessentia, oleo saccharum, angostura and cardamom bitters, or **La Granita**, a cool and fruity option with Maestro Dobel Diamante Tequila, orangecello, grapefruit, lemon and prosecco.

Those seeking a sweet ending to their meal can indulge in a selection of standout desserts, including the **Signature Caramella Tart**, with dark chocolate custard and salted caramel, as well as the **NY-Style Cheesecake**, topped with raspberry coulis and fresh berries.

Caramella is an expansion of Tao Group Hospitality's partnership with Caesars Entertainment, which includes OMNIA Nightclub and Stanton Social Prime at Caesars Palace.

Caramella is on the Mezzanine level of Planet Hollywood next to the Criss Angel Theater. The restaurant is open from 4 to 10 p.m. nightly, and the lounge is open from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday through Sunday. For more information, guests can visit <u>caesars.com/planet-hollywood/restaurants</u> <u>/caramella-italian-restaurant</u>.

About Tao Group Hospitality

Tao Group Hospitality delivers distinctive culinary and premium entertainment experiences through its portfolio of restaurants, nightclubs, lounges, and daylife venues. Tao Group Hospitality acquired Hakkasan Group in April 2021. The combined company operates over 80 branded locations in over 20 markets across four continents and features a collection of widely recognized hospitality brands. These include TAO, Hakkasan, Crane Club, OMNIA, Marquee, LAVO, Beauty & Essex, Yauatcha, Ling Ling, Cathédrale, Little Sister, The Highlight Room, Sake No Hana, Jewel, and more. Tao Group Hospitality is part of Mohari Hospitality, a global investment firm with a focus in luxury lifestyle and hospitality investments. Learn more at www.taogroup.com.

About Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino

Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino is the centerpiece of the famed Las Vegas Strip, with 2,500 beautifully redesigned guest rooms and suites showcasing some of the best views in town, along with endless options of unparalleled shopping, distinguished dining, popular entertainment and a bustling nightlife. A bright, bold addition to the resort's portfolio, the Ultra Hip Rooms feature contemporary elegance and luxury bedding. Known as the place to play for its roster of A-list celebrity guests, Planet Hollywood's 231 restyled suites feature stunning views of the glittering skyline and daring décor elements such as suspended sofas, lounge-style living spaces and oversized modern artwork. The resort encompasses more than 100,000 square feet of gaming, Caesars Sportsbook at Planet Hollywood, The Scene Pool Deck, several lounges, an intimate wedding chapel and Reflections the Spa at Planet Hollywood. Impressive restaurants include Gordon Ramsay Burger, Strip House, Caramella – a new Italian restaurant and lounge in

partnership with Tao Group Hospitality (coming soon) – and more. Home to the first pop music residency in Las Vegas, PH Live is one of the largest theaters on The Strip and showcases a variety of resident headliners, including superstars like Black Eyed Peas, Shania Twain, Scorpions and Jeff Dunham, as well as tour stops and limited engagements from music's top artists. Magician Criss Angel performs an over-the-top visual spectacular with "Criss Angel MINDFREAK[®], in the Criss Angel Theater. The property is encircled by Miracle Mile Shops with more than 150 specialty stores and restaurants. Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino is operated by a subsidiary of Caesars Entertainment, Inc. (NASDAQ: CZR). For more information, please visit planethollywoodresort.com or the Caesars Entertainment media room. Find Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino on Facebook and follow on Twitter and Instagram. Must be 21 or older to gamble. Know When To Stop Before You Start.[®] If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, crisis counseling and referral services can be accessed by calling or texting 1-800-GAMBLER, Caesars License Company, LLC.

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