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### **BUSINESS NEWS**

#### **Italian eatery adds famed chef**

Zanti Cucina Italiana, expected to open in The Woodlands later this summer, has announced Chef Stefano Ferrero has joined the restaurant as its executive chef. Ferrero will lead a team of cooks in creating authentic Italian cuisine. The new eatery will be located at the Westgate Crossing shopping center, 10000 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands.

According to a press release, Ferrero hails from Carru, which is located in the Piedmont region of Italy, which is famous for its cheeses, meats and hearty fare. Many of Ferrero's recipes and skills were

derived from his parents – father Domenico and mother Margherita – who taught him classic family recipes and cooking techniques.

Ferrero's career, the release detailed, includes graduating from the Istituto Alberghiero – a rigorous gastronomic focused high school – and from the SPAI University of Lugano in Switzerland, where he studied gastronomy and worked with various well-known chefs. After his schooling, Ferrero worked at restaurants in Lugano, Bellinzona and Sant Morz before returning to Italy where he cooked at eateries in his home region of Piedmont.

“My mission is to create a unique experience for the palate,” Ferrero said in the press release. “I am passionate about searching for and selecting the freshest, high-quality ingredients and applying the traditional techniques of Italian haute cuisine. I am extremely delighted to lead the menu of Zanti Cucina Italiana, which will offer a true experience of great Italian food.”

The new Zanti Cucina Italiana, which is set to be located at the new Westgate Crossing mixed-use development, at the intersection of of Research Forest Drive and Egypt Lane in The Woodlands. Close to Magnolia and the FM 2978 and FM 1488 corridor, the 8,000-square-foot restaurant is expected to feature a climate-comfortable outdoor patio, a pizza station, chef’s table, private

rooms, and a full-service bar.

The new eatery is expected to seat as many as 227 guests, with 45 seats available in the spacious private dining room, offering. The restaurant is owned and operated by the Pelaez brothers, who come from a long line of family-owned hospitality businesses.

For information, visit [www.zanticucina.com](http://www.zanticucina.com).