

Editors' CHOICE

LDV Hospitality



Scarpetta restaurants are located in Las Vegas, Miami, Montauk, and New York City

LDV HOSPITALITY (LDVHOSPITALITY.COM) is a premier restaurant group that owns and operates 27 food and beverage venues across the globe. Founded in 2008 by John Meadow, the LDV portfolio boasts a range of concepts from the critically acclaimed American Cut, Bravo TV's 'Best New Restaurant', Dolce Italian, James Beard nominated Scarpetta, to the casual yet elegant Corso Coffee bars. The independent New York City-based restaurant group owns and operates its individual restaurant brands, manages and develops hotel food and beverage operations, and partners with chefs and entrepreneurs to facilitate the development of new brands.

In 2008, LDV Hospitality opened its signature restaurant concept Scarpetta in the heart of



Dolce Italian with restaurants in Buckhead, Atlanta; Miami; and Chicago

New York City's Meatpacking District. That same year, Scarpetta received a James Beard nomination for 'Best New Restaurant in America' as well as a coveted three-star review from the *New York Times*. The Italian expression "fare la scarpetta" describes the gesture of taking the little boot-shaped piece of bread to soak up the remaining sauce left in the pot of one's home kitchen. The restaurant's name is derived from this familial gesture and represents the indulgent pleasure of savoring a meal down to its very last taste.

The philosophy of Scarpetta's kitchen is one of creating bold flavors by amplifying the essence of seasonal ingredients. The signature pastas are made in-house daily and paired with the highest quality, locally sourced ingredients. The understated, yet elegant approach to design creates an environment that is simultaneously chic, welcoming, and inspiring.

Following the restaurant's success in 2008, Scarpetta opened in Miami's iconic Fontainebleau Hotel and was awarded four stars from the Miami Herald. In 2009, the Scarpetta brand headed West to the glamorous Montage Hotel in the heart of Beverly Hills, and shortly after to Las Vegas at The Cosmopolitan Hotel. In the summer of 2015, Scarpetta Beach opened in the Hamptons at the historic Gurney's Inn in Montauk, highlighting the local, bountiful seafood in a seasonal menu, making it the New York summer dining destination. Scarpetta's next outpost will be in Philadelphia's timeless Rittenhouse Hotel overlooking Rittenhouse Square in Summer 2016.

In 2013, LDV Hospitality joined forces with celebrated Chef Marc Forgione to open American Cut in the heart of Tribeca. Through this concept, LDV Hospitality pays homage to the original aspirational New York dining experience, the steak house, with its contemporary steak restaurant American Cut. The restaurant captures the nostalgic glamour of yesteryear and adapts it to today's modern social life.

Chef Forgione combines bold flavors and unique style to create his take on American classics. He sources from the finest meat purveyors such as Creek Stone Farm, and selects seasonal, local ingredients to bring to life his signature creations such as the Chili Lobster, Pastrami Spiced Ribeye, and the 42-ounce Tomahawk Chop. A mix of table-side preparations ranging from the Smoked Old Fashioned to the OG 1924 Caesar Salad and the flambéed 52-ounce Porterhouse create a theatrical and colorful interactive dining experience.

In 2013, *Travel + Leisure* acknowledged American Cut as one of the 'Best Steakhouses in the U.S.' The restaurant was also a finalist in *Hospitality Design* magazine's, 'International Best Designed Fine Dining Restaurant.' At the end of 2015, the brand expanded to Puerto Rico with its first American Cut Bar & Grill concept featuring an eclectic mix of American comfort food in the Taubman Properties' Mall of San Juan. The second bar and grill concept recently opened in Englewood Cliffs,



American Cut restaurants can be found in Buckhead, Atlanta; Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey; New York City; and Puerto Rico

New Jersey. The American Cut brand joined the Midtown dining scene in March of this year and will go on to open its third outpost in Oliver McMillan's Buckhead, Atlanta lifestyle development surrounded by luxury brand neighbors such as Hermès and the St. Regis Hotel.

Other core LDV brands include No.8, representing the reloaded version of New York nightlife visionary Amy Sacco's Bungalow 8, Rec Room, and The Regent Cocktail Club. In the summer of 2015, LDV Hospitality partnered with the historic Gurney's Montauk Resort and Sea Water Spa to bring five food & beverage venues to the relaunch of the property. LDV continues to grow with another three openings scheduled for this year, bringing the company to a total of 30 food and beverage venues, and looking towards international expansion in Dubai and London in 2017. ●



Corso Coffee bars are located in Buckhead, Atlanta; Montauk; New York City; and Puerto Rico