

New Ruth's Chris Steak House starts sizzling at Toronto Airport



Said Franchise Owner Lana Duke, "We've been part of the Greater Toronto Area restaurant community since 1995 with our downtown location in the Hilton Toronto on Adelaide St. W. Our new venue, continues the Ruth Fertel New Orleans traditions of sizzling steaks, fine wines and exceptional service. At our Grand Opening, we're also launching our support of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada, and we are hoping our dinner guests will also demonstrate their support of this worthy organization."

The interior designer for the new restaurant is David Leonardi of Tandem



Celebrating the Grand Opening of Ruth's Chris Toronto Airport (left to right) Co-Franchisees Lana Duke and Executive Vice-President R. David Duke; Mississauga Mayor, Bonnie Crombie; Toronto Ward 1 Councillor Etobicoke North, Vincent Crisanti; The Gupta Group President & CEO, Steve Gupta and Toronto Ward 2 Councillor, Michael Ford. Photo: Lux Photobooths



"Come Hungry Darlin'" - Ruth's Chris Steak House - Toronto Airport opened November 13, 2017 as Co-Owners Lana Duke and R. David Duke cut the sizzling ribbon. Celebrating this new location (left to right) Lydia Sabourin; Jesse Melbye, General Manager; Rob Horton, Director of Finance; Lana Duke; R. David Duke; Sara Wilde, Director of Sales and Marketing; Vince Varone. Photos: Stephen Uhraney

Building Inc. His brother, Italo Leonardi of Leonardi Construction Ltd., completed construction of the striking restaurant, located between The Gupta Group-managed Westin Airport and the Holiday Inn International Airport.

According to Executive Vice President R. David Duke, "We're delighted to be able open this new location. We will uphold our simple tried-and-true recipe: fresh ingredients, classic dishes, skilled preparation and a passion for every detail of your perfect dining experience. Add to that, the gorgeous interior ambiance designed by David Leonardi, and our diners are in for a real treat."

A Restaurateur Co-Franchisee, David Duke divides his time between three locations in San Antonio, Texas and two in Toronto and is the driving force

behind the Toronto Airport location.

Ambience was critical to the construction and design process for the 7,600 sf restaurant that features a 1,300 sf covered patio. David Leonardi collaborated with Milton architect John D. Dorris for both the exterior and interior design. "Our goal was to reflect the high quality of cuisine and service of the Ruth's Chris brand," he said. "The look is contemporary with some nods to the chain's New Orleans roots. The exterior is stone, stucco and decorative metal for the formality of symmetry, with angles and soft curves added to suggest casual elegance. The red stone, medium-grey stucco and off-white cornices highlighting the crown of the roof are timeless and evoke liveliness."

Inside, the designer and architect used an



Ruth's Chris - Toronto Airport interior designer is Tandem Building Inc.; the striking restaurant, located at 970 Dixon Rd. between The Gupta's Westin Airport and Holiday Inn Airport, was completed by Leonardi Construction.

elegant colour palette with predominantly shades of grey punctuated with hints of red and black accents. "This is a subtle nod to the company's corporate colours," Leonardi said.

"As soon as you walk in, you know you are in a Ruth's Chris Steak House. The first thing diners see is the large wraparound bar that anchors the restaurant along with the adjacent lounge with its double-sided fireplace. Both areas are flanked by full-height windows along the entire length of the patio. Sheers enable customers to create a semi-private atmosphere of open it up to bring the outdoors inside."

Said David Duke, "The new restaurant's four private dining rooms are separated from the general dining area, bar and lounge by a long glass wall. These dining rooms can be used separately or opened up to create larger spaces, and can accommodate 120 diners in total. Each room has a TV or display ready for presentations. It's all about flexibility."

Sara Wilde, Ruth's Chris Director of



As Lana Duke says, "Come Hungry Darlin'".

Sales and Marketing said, "This prime location in Toronto's West Humber-Clairville neighbourhood is easily accessed by car and public transit, and is just minutes from Toronto Pearson International Airport.

ABOUT RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE

Ruth's Chris Steak House was founded by Ruth Fertel 52 years ago, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Ruth Fertel had a recipe for everything - from how to prepare her signature sizzling steaks to how to treat her guests. This timeless formula is a testament to how one neighborhood eatery has become the largest collection of upscale steak houses in the world,

with more than 150 restaurant locations around the globe. Ruth's Chris remains true to its heritage, helping guests make their best memories on 500-degree sizzling plates. Ruth's Chris Steak House. This is How It's Done.

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