

SOUTH JERSEY NATIVE, CHEF DEMETRIOS HARONIS, NAMED HEAD CHEF OF TROPICANA CASINO & RESORT'S NEW FIN RESTAURANT

May 19, 2010 (Atlantic City, NJ) - The Tropicana Casino & Resort announced today that Chef Demetrios Haronis has been named as head chef of its new seafood restaurant, FIN, which will open on May 28, 2010 and will be the only seafood restaurant in Atlantic City and on the Boardwalk with outdoor, oceanfront seating.

Chef Demetrios is a long-time Tropicana employee who joined the property in 1994 as a sous-chef and has worked his way up through all the onsite restaurants, gaining invaluable experience about how a successful restaurant operates in Atlantic City. A graduate of the Academy of Culinary Arts and a native of the Jersey Shore, Chef Demetrios has worked in many notable restaurants up and down the New Jersey coast from Cape May to Longport. It seems he was destined for his profession - his grandfathers, father, mother and uncles are all successful restaurant operators. He began working in the industry at age 10, helping out at his parents' restaurant in Wildwood, NJ.

Chef Demetrios combines his Mediterranean heritage with the freshest local seafood and produce available to create unique dishes. His vision for FIN is to offer a high-end culinary experience using the freshest local products that are available each season. He will even go out to meet with local fishermen and farmers and personally inspect their wares before purchasing.

"I am thrilled to have this opportunity to put my own unique spin on the menu at FIN and to support our local fishermen and farmers," said Chef Demetrios. "My vision for FIN's menu is to offer the freshest seafood available from our own shores, paired with locally-grown produce, and served in a relaxing yet refined atmosphere."

FIN's décor makes the most of its ocean-front setting within a sophisticated palette, bringing the ocean indoors with creative use of glass tiles and accents, reminiscent of beach-washed sea glass. The open kitchen will face the beach, which Chef Demetrios says will help inspire his seafood creations. There will also be a glass-enclosed Captain's Table, the first in the area, offering private dining for up to 10 people. Chef Demetrios and his team can create special items or Captain's Table guests can order off the menu.

Chef Demetrios' specialties include "Chef D's Dancing Shrimp," made with onion and panko crusted wild pacific shrimp pirouette on a lobster and blue crab cake.

FIN has it's own Facebook page at www.facebook.com/finattrop. The page will feature up-to-date information on the restaurant, menus, recipes and cooking tips from FIN's top chefs.

The Tropicana Casino & Resort is a 24-hour gaming destination located on the beach and Boardwalk. Featuring more than 2,100 rooms and suites and home of The Quarter, a 200,000 square foot entertainment complex, Tropicana is the premier resort in Atlantic City. With more than 20 restaurants, 20 shops, 12 bars and lounges, 2 pools, an IMAX Theatre and a spa, Tropicana is consistently rated as the "Must-See Attraction" in Atlantic City. For more information, visit the new official Web site at www.tropicana.net and check out our new energy at www.tropicana.net/locals.

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