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Pizza, Pasta and Pizzazz – New Italian Restaurant Coming to Midtown Crossing

Omaha, Neb. Oct. 5, 2011 – Midtown Crossing, Omaha’s unprecedented urban development, will welcome a new Italian restaurant – authentic and exciting – just in time for the holidays. **Portovino Ristorante**, set to debut in mid-November, will feature a warm, casual atmosphere and traditional Italian dishes – from pastas, entrees, salads and sandwiches to pizzas prepared in an authentic brick oven. To complement the cuisine, the restaurant’s beverage program will include Italian wines, liquors and beers.

“Meals are a real occasion in Italy, a chance to relax and re-connect with friends and family over truly fantastic food. That’s what Portovino is all about, a comfortable place to get together and enjoy the tastes and smells of authentic Italian cuisine – without breaking the bank,” said Molly Skold, marketing director for East Campus Realty LLC, the Mutual of Omaha subsidiary that owns Midtown Crossing.

A member of the Chicago-based Levy Restaurants family, Portovino will evoke the feeling and energy of a 1940s Italian supper club, complete with music and artwork reminiscent of the era. The restaurant, located at **220 S. 31st Ave.** (the corner of 31st and Farnam), will occupy the space previously held by Loft 610, which closes tomorrow (Oct. 6) to make way for Portovino. The transformation into Portovino will involve a complete makeover, an extensive reconstruction that will include the creation of an open kitchen and the addition of a moveable glass curtain wall that opens the indoors to Turner Park.

For more information about the design, menu and events at Portovino Ristorante, please contact Kevin Schuster at 402.917.6001 or kschuster@leslieklinelukas.com. Buon Appetito!

Midtown Crossing is urban living redefined, the fastest-selling condominium community in Omaha history and one of 10 projects around the world praised for embodying “the synergy of public/private partnerships” (Urban Land Magazine, 2010).

Spanning 15.5 acres in the heart of historic midtown Omaha, Midtown Crossing boasts 225,000 square feet of unsurpassed dining, diversion and retail as well as nearly 500 condominium and apartment units, ample parking and green

space.

For more information about Midtown Crossing, including the latest on residential and retail offerings, events and development amenities, please visit our newly-designed website at www.midtowncrossing.com or contact Molly Skold at (402) 598-9676 or Molly.Skold@mutualofomaha.com.

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