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Coastal Vibes and Contemporary Design Create Homey Feel at The Florence

New San Diego dining destination inspired by swimming legend Florence Chadwick

SAN DIEGO, April 18, 2019 - Legal Restaurants, a San Diego-based hospitality group, today announced the inspiration behind the design of its newest project, [The Florence](#). The restaurant is driven by thoughtful and timeless design with coastal themed interiors, neutral colors and materials meant to create an open and “airy” landscape. The restaurant, now open for breakfast and lunch at San Diego’s Kilroy Sabre Springs, is inspired by San Diego native and globally-recognized swimmer Florence Chadwick. It will pay homage to her with several nods to her career, original memorabilia and feminine touches.

In the 1950s, Chadwick earned a name for herself as a record-setting long-distance open-water swimmer by crossing the English Channel four times. She was the first woman to do so in both directions and, for a period, held the record for all genders. The Florence team received approximately 10,000 pieces of memorabilia from the Chadwick family, and several pictures and artifacts are on display at the restaurant.

“The style of The Florence reflects her history as a trail blazer and globally-recognized swimmer, tying in a color palette that is coastal, as well as interiors that suggest seaside living,” says Keoni Barcarse, partner and interior designer at Legal Restaurants and The Florence. “I selected subdued blues, grays and browns as the base palette to bring in naturally-found oceanic colors, coastal sands and shoreline woods.”

The 12,000 square-foot indoors is divided into three sections—lounge, café and bar. In collaboration with architecture firm [Ware Malcomb](#), the interior was designed to be open, light and airy. Large windows surround the property on two sides with no

window treatments to allow natural light in the space and create the feeling that there is no boundary between indoors and outdoors. Guests enter The Florence through the lounge, which provides an intimate living room vibe with sofas, tables and chairs that provide a lived-in aesthetic.

An island bar, with seating on all four sides, brings a Cape Cod-influenced aesthetic by displaying weathered gray window shutters. One wall features a large mural of a lifeguard stand, tying in the coastal feel and representing Chadwick's swim at Dana Point. Other subtle touches include the lighting and ceiling fans which are designed to resemble that of a beach sun hat.

The Florence worked with San Diego-based [GroundLevel Landscape Architecture](#) to design the two-acre outdoor atrium that is divided in to different areas including a boathouse dining area, firepit lounge, bocce ball court, and mini-amphitheater. The open layout allows for several private dining areas and event spaces.

[Iconik Builders](#) and [California Hardwoods](#) provided custom furnishings. The Florence also collaborated with [Innovative Commercial Environments](#) (ICE) and Douglas Giesey ([Kilroy](#) SVP Design) to complete the cohesive design. To complement Chadwick's memorabilia, The Florence's interior design team found one-of-a-kind coastal decor at consignment stores.

The Florence is located at 13480 Evening Creek Drive North, Suite 150, San Diego, CA 92128 and is now open for breakfast and lunch with dinner and happy hour launching later this spring.

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ABOUT THE FLORENCE

Legal Restaurants opened The Florence in March 2019 at Kilroy Sabre Springs. Paying homage to San Diego swimming legend Florence Chadwick, the coastal American restaurant offers over two acres of outdoor event space and multiple private event areas, in addition to stunning interiors. The Florence offers farmers market driven menus, locally-sourced organic produce and day-boat seafood as well as select menu items that pay homage to the culinary destination's namesake.

The Florence is now open for breakfast and lunch Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. with dinner, happy hour and weekend brunch to launch later this spring. The Florence is located at 13480 Evening Creek Drive North, Suite 150, San Diego, CA 92128. For more information, visit theflorencesd.com and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

ABOUT LEGAL RESTAURANTS

Legal Restaurants is a full-service hospitality development and operations group that creates meaningful lifestyle venues with world class food and beverage concepts for the Commercial Real Estate market.

Founder, Antonio Friscia, has 35 years of experience as a Chef and Owner of some of San Diego's most successful venues. With combined 150 years of hospitality experience, the Legal Restaurants team is built with expertise from the world's largest hotel groups, fast-casual brands, Michelin Star restaurants, and night life venues. Legal Restaurants partners with the most creative real estate landlords and owners to develop and operate food and beverage venues unlike any seen before in the office sector. Through thoughtful design and operations of cafes, restaurants and entertainment venues, Legal Restaurants is helping Class A Office Owners throughout the country stand out from their competition. For more information, visit <https://www.legalrestaurants.com/>.