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Huntington: Coming soon ... Porto Vivo

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Porto Vivo, an Italian restaurant combo of upscale and rustic, is expected to open in Huntington this weekend. Expect big windows, marble tile, exposed brick and ductwork and, of course, distressed leather booths. The new eatery moves into the former home of Gerard Street Antiques.

Porto Vivo is owned by local entrepreneur Joy Mangano, known best for her Home Shopping Network role. The executive chef is Steven Lecchi, whose resume includes a stint at Manhattan's departed Lespinasse restaurant and as private chef to Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony. His menu includes dishes such as crisp fried artichoke hearts, grilled Spanish octopus, seared scallops with tomato marmalade, flatbread pizzas, housemade gnocchi Bolognese, braised short-rib tortelloni, slowly roasted salmon with roasted fennel puree and rack of lamb with braised lamb rigatoni.

There's a bar and lounge on the second floor, a dining room on the third, and a catwalk between them to observe the first-floor action. The festivities are slated to start on Saturday, Porto Vivo is at 7 Gerard St., Huntington; 631-385-8486.