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**NEW FLATWARE BY FORTESSA  
TAKES FRESH, STYLISH FORMS**

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Sterling, VA – Putting a fine edge on contemporary dining, handsome new flatware from Fortessa offers innovative shapes and contemporary styles that coordinate with today’s dinnerware. One of the most imaginative new concepts, “Scalini” features architectural detailing in step-styling that forms the fork tines and the curved, recessed ends of forks and spoon handles. Designer Gian Marco Peron was inspired by Rome’s famed Spanish Steps (“scalini” means “steps” in Italian) for this original, modern design.

The Scalini collection also introduces the *gelato* spoon to American restaurants – a version of the Italian *gelato* or ice cream spoon, adapted here to help ladle sauces and manage soupy dishes. Available in high-polished 18/10 stainless steel and silver plate, the smoothly-modeled, elegant pieces can heighten the customer’s perception of grand style and quality service.

Reflecting more traditional influences, the new “Caviar” collection features a simply-stated pattern of curving shapes, outlined with tiny beads of embossing (very like the Caviar title). This decorative edging gives the basic, stainless steel designs the option of formal use, particularly for banquets and parties.

In response to current popular interest in steak-house dining, Fortessa also has expanded its selection of individual steak knives. “Ergo,” the latest entry, is ergonomically-shaped for easy, comfortable handling. The knife handle is deeply contoured (almost with the look of sculpture), to assure a solid grip. In polished stainless steel, the sizable knife - with its matching fork shaped in a mirror-image, curving up around the hand - can enhance the dining experience for steak aficionados.

The Ergo duo also is an example of how today’s stylish, well-balanced flatware can amplify the restaurant theme or décor, while filling practical service requirements of function and durability.

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