

not only is completing a total renovation, with a new chef, but also a new name: Le DeSales. Belgian chef Raphael Francois was previously at London-based Hélène Darroze restaurant which was awarded two Michelin stars. Ownership remains the same ... Mackey's Public House relocated to the space formerly occupied by Laughing Man Tavern at 1306 G Street, NW near Metro Center.

Chef & GM Update

DC gets another renowned Spanish chef, as Javier Cuesta Muñoz has been named executive chef of the newly renovated Decanter restaurant at The St. Regis Washington, DC. Previously, he was executive chef at the Gran Melia Golf Resort in Puerto Rico ... Mike O'Brien has been named chef de cuisine at The Salt Line,

working with longtime colleague Kyle Bailey who is executive chef. He previously worked in DC as chef de partie at CityZen in the Mandarin Oriental hotel. Most recently, Mike was executive chef of Monk's Kettle in San Francisco. It's slated to open this spring in time for the first pitch ... Justin Abad has been named general manager of Food & Beverage Outlets for The Dupont Circle Hotel. Previously, he had been general manager and owner of Cashion's Eat Place and Pop's SeaBar in Adams Morgan ... Huw Griffiths was named executive pastry chef at Soapstone Market in Van Ness. He was formerly at the Tabard Inn ... David Creamer was named executive chef at Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center. He will oversee the entire culinary operations in the resort including its banquet kitchen and seven dining and beverage

outlets. He was executive chef at the Crystal City Gateway, Bethesda North Hotel & Convention Center and, most recently, the Renaissance Arlington Capital View.

The next Dacha Beer Garden will open near Nationals Park on Potomac Avenue, SE in the ever popular Dock 79 mixed-use project. It will join Kyle Bailey and Long Shot Hospitality's The Salt Line and Mike Friedman's All Purpose Pizzeria. Lots of space both indoors and outdoors, perfect for a beer garden. Beer and baseball are a natural duo, so there will be another beer garden, Bardo, opening not too far from Dock 79.

Just Opened

Anna Bran Leis recently opened Taqueria del Barrio, serving authentic Mexican in Petworth. It opened on Upshur Street,

NW where Domku was... Dusty Lockhart and her chef husband Stefano Frigerio opened Petite Loulou Café & Pasty Shop near where they live in Purcellville ... Michael Schlow Restaurant Group opened its second Alta Strada in Northern Virginia's Mosaic District ... Nick and David Wiseman from DGS Delicatessen opened Hill Prince Bar at 1337 H Street, NE ... La Colombe opened 1710 Eye Street, NW at Farragut Square near Taylor Gourmet and sweetgreen ... Mission BBQ adds its third location in Chantilly and its fourth location on Rockville Pike.

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