



## Hot off the press!

Joseph Mattioli, the general manager of the **St. Regis Washington, D.C.**, plans to launch a new French café concept (as he is French) in the historic 1926 hotel lobby, featuring French pastries and espresso (the real thing) to ring in the morning, and a champagne bar (perhaps with caviar?) to congratulate those who made it through the day. Fingers crossed it happens before the end of the year.

Ryan Seelbach and Jeff Sunderland, who brought you **Takoda** in Shaw, will turn the recently closed **1905** (on 9th Street, NW) into **Cortez**, named after the Sea of Cortez on the Baja Peninsula. Cortez will feature a year-round rooftop tequila bar with appropriate culinary complements, such as fish tacos. The dining room will seat 40, and the rooftop bar will, as well. Expect colorful murals and cactus plants. A March opening is targeted.

Chantilly is hot now, as Wegmans, plans to open there in August at The Field at Commonwealth, a huge retail development at Route 28 and Westfields Blvd. The grocery will be joined by several other foodservice concepts: **Cava Mezze Grill**, **Chipotle Mexican Grill**, and **Mellow Mushroom**. **Blackwall Hitch** will replace the **Green Turtle Sports Bar & Grille** in Chantilly Shopping Center. Both brands are owned and operated by Mid-States Management Group. Blackwall Hitch also has locations in Alexandria, Annapolis, and Rehoboth, DE.

### Congratulations:

Elisabeth Devon Capili was named executive chef at the **Arlington**



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**Frans Hagen Fund scholarship winners (l-r) Omar Errico Miranda and Lifen Zhu, with Greg Casten of Educated Eats and RAMW Executive Director Kathy Hollinger**

### Capital View Renaissance Hotel.

Five students have won scholarships from the Frans Hagen Fund, a part of RAMW's Educated Eats. Greg Casten, Educated Eats chairman and a RAMW executive committee member, announced that the organization will award scholarships totaling \$12,000 to the recipients. Students are chosen by RAMW's executive board for their passion and commitment to the hospitality industry.

### CCChanges:

All five **Ted's Bulletin** restaurants are now owned by Steve Salis, the co-founder of **&pizza**, who also owns the iconic **Kramerbooks & Afterwords Café** in Dupont Circle. He bought it from Matchbox Food Group. Steve's Salis Holdings partnered with JPB Capital Partners. Salis Holdings

is also a co-owner of Adams Morgan's **Federalist Pig** barbecue place. Ted's Bulletins are located on Capitol Hill, on 14th Street, NW, and in Gaithersburg, Reston, and Merrifield.

Raynold Mendizabal, chef/owner of **Urban Butcher** in Silver Spring, plans to open a second restaurant in Grosvenor Americas' new mixed-use development on the corner of Fenton Street and Wayne Avenue. The full-service restaurant aims to open in summer 2018.

Denmark-based **Joe & The Juice** will open at 1500 K Street, NW in January, where a CVS used to be. It has one unit in Bethesda, 20 in the U.S., and 200 throughout Europe. The Denmark firm is also scouting locations at The Yards and at 17th and I Streets, NW.

### Just opened:

Jenny Feldt, formerly of **Le Diplomate**, and Lukas Smith, formerly of **Cotton & Reed**, have opened **Ampersand**, a pop-up bar under **Smoke & Barrel** on 18th Street, NW in Adams Morgan, just on Thursday through Sunday nights. In addition to their cocktails, they serve beer and whiskey from the upstairs barbecue restaurant. **Moreland's Tavern** opened in the **Swampoodle** space at 5501 14th Street, NW, with chef/partner Emily Baran at the helm. It's from the folks who brought you **Boundary Stone** in Bloomingdale and **DC Reynolds** in Petworth. Ashok Bajaj opened a second **Bindaas** in Foggy Bottom. It's located at The Shops at 2000 Penn (2000 Pennsylvania Ave., NW) where **Johnny Rockets** was. It seats 70, with 21 at the bar. Its menu and beverage list exceeds the one in Cleveland Park.

Rosslyn is getting a food hall at 1801 N. Lynn Street in a second-story space in Central Place, above **McDonald's**. It will be operated by Social Restaurant Group, which owns **Pamplona** and **Bar Bao** in Clarendon and **Provision No. 14** and **The Prospect** in D.C.'s U Street corridor. The group also runs **La Vie**, a French-themed restaurant and lounge, and **Rival & Rye**, a whiskey and sports bar at The Wharf. Other retail tenants in the food hall include **sweetgreen** and **Little Beet**. On the other side of the plaza, **Compass Coffee** and **Cava Mezze Grill** plan to open.

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