



## Stephen Starr to open second restaurant in Bal Harbour

*The Philadelphia restaurateur is expanding his South Florida empire with a new restaurant in the former La Goulue space.*

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To say Philadelphia restaurateur **Stephen Starr** is bullish on South Florida would be an understatement. He's opened three restaurants and a catering company here since 2009, and now he's picking up the pace: Three more Starr restaurants, including one he announced today to Miami.com, will enter the fray by next summer.

"There is no city in America where I feel this surge of excitement and optimism more than I do in Miami," Starr said Tuesday in a phone interview. "It's not just a tourist city any longer. It is a city that is developing, a city that has come into its own, to a point where I want to bring multiple restaurants there. I want South Florida to be another home base for us."

Starr will open a second restaurant by June in the Bal Harbour Shops (9700 Collins Ave.), where his **Makoto** has operated since 2011. The concept is still TBA, but he's thinking "maybe French with a twist." The location: In the former La Goulue — a move Miami.com speculated about last summer. **Shawn Hausman**, who has designed several other Starr restaurants as well as the Standard Hotel in Miami Beach, has signed on to create the space.

"It's not the biggest space," Starr said. "But we want to do something that will get people's attention from a culinary standpoint as well as the design."

The Bal Harbour project will follow two other recently announced restaurants from Starr: **Ted's at YoungArts**, set to open this month, and **Continental Diner**, a Philly favorite that will open at 2360 Collins Ave.

Beyond that? "There's more to come," Starr teased. "Very soon."

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### A STARR IN SOUTH FLORIDA

A look at Stephen Starr's projects here.

**Steak 954:** Opened in 2009. Fort Lauderdale.

**Makoto:** Opened in 2011. Bal Harbour.

**Verde:** Opened in 2013. Miami.

**Starr Events:** Opened in Miami in 2013. Catering.

**Ted's at YoungArts:** Announced Sept. 2014; set to open this month. Miami.

**Continental:** Announced Nov. 2014; set to open spring 2015. Miami Beach.

**New concept TBA:** Announced Dec. 2014; set to open summer 2015. Bal Harbour.