

French brasserie **Le Zoo** by **Stephen Starr** to open in **Bal Harbour Shops**



The Philadelphia restaurateur behind Makoto, Steak 954 and The Continental will open a 200-seat brasserie this fall in the former La Goulue space.

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Fresh off [this summer's opening of his Continental restaurant](#) in Miami Beach, Philadelphia-based restaurateur **Stephen Starr** is pivoting toward his next South Florida project: **Le Zoo**, a 200-seat French brasserie, is shooting for a November opening at the Bal Harbour Shops, 9700 Collins Ave.

It will be Starr's second restaurant at the luxury mall; his Makoto Japanese restaurant has operated there since 2011. Le Zoo will go into the former La Goulue space.

Starr is no stranger to French cuisine. His **Parc** restaurant in Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square has been cooking onion soup, steak frites, trout amandine and more to [rave reviews](#) since 2008, and he seems to have [re-created that magic](#) in Washington, D.C., with **Le Diplomate**, which opened last year. Like with those restaurants, Starr worked with designer **Shawn Hausman** on the interior of Le Zoo.

"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."

From a culinary standpoint, look for daily specials; seafood plateaus with fresh lobster, crab, oysters and shrimp; a charcuterie and cheese program; and classic and modern cocktails, wine and Champagne.

Le Zoo will be open for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch.