

This Miami chef has a Michelin star restaurant in the Grove. Now he's opening 2 new spots

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An early look at the Mediterranean restaurant Eva, which will be opening at CocoWalk in Coconut Grove.

Chef Michael Beltran's hospitality group, the force behind the [Michelin-starred Ariete](#) in Coconut Grove, is opening two restaurants in one at the CocoWalk development.

Ariete Hospitality Group plans to open The Oyster Bar, a speakeasy-style spot for oysters and cocktails, and the full-service Mediterranean restaurant Eva in the coming weeks.

First opening is the intimate Oyster Bar, which Beltran thinks of as a "perfect after work spot," serving small plates and raw bar classics. The space is small, only nine seats, but the cocktail menu will be impressive and wide-ranging. The bar is located inside Eva, and is expected to open by the end of September.

Several weeks later, the more traditional Eva will open, serving lunch and dinner, with happy hour and brunch as well. The restaurant is 4,100 square feet of indoor space that includes the Oyster Bar, with solid wood benches, tables and chairs and a marble-topped main bar. There's an outdoor patio for dining as well. Overall, the restaurant can seat up to 139 diners inside and out.

Beltran, whose hospitality group is also responsible for [Brasserie Laurel at Miami Worldcenter](#) and The Gibson Room on Coral Way, [both Michelin-recommended restaurants](#), said that he sees Eva as an "any occasion" spot, for family dinners, business lunches or nights out with friends, a more casual spot perhaps than his famous Ariete.

