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The Dirt: Chef José Andrés opening restaurant in West Palm Beach on shores of Lake Worth Lagoon



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Welcome to The Dirt! I'm real estate reporter Kimberly Miller with the latest developments in the sizzling market.

The "doomsday glacier" is gunning for South Florida, our corals are battered by marine heat waves, people are kayaking in Death Valley and there's an inch of top soil left! (Remember Under Siege? Love vintage Steven Seagal).

But everything's coming up roses in coastal Palm Beach County where waterfront land is still at a premium with apartments being flipped for \$28.5 million, island homes selling for \$12.5 million and Spanish chef José Andrés opening up in Olara on the shores of the Lake Worth Lagoon.

Chef José Andrés brings a 'wow' factor and sophistication to West Palm Beach



I met José Andrés in Puerto Rico in 2017 right after Hurricane Maria left the island reeling with no electricity, ruined infrastructure and scant water. It was a sweaty night, mosquitos were bleeding us dry and ... well, he was very upset with the state of rescue efforts. DM me if you want details. (Just kidding though, I don't know where DMs go or how to find them.)

But, that was then. Today, the acclaimed chef is bringing some of his shine to West Palm Beach at the planned Olara condominium, where his presence is expected to boost the reputation of the city. But he's got to also like the influx of wealth to the area. Olara has already sold at least 13% of its units at an average of \$4.7 million each.

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