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Award-winning chef tapped for restaurant at luxury West Palm Beach condo (Photos)





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An upscale condominium development in West Palm Beach will feature an on-property restaurant created by an award-winning chef.

New York-based Savanna Group is the vertically integrated real estate investment manager developing Olara Residences at 919 N. Flagler Drive. It has hired the José Andrés Group to construct an 8,500-square-foot restaurant within the development.

Gilbane Building Company of Boca Raton and SavCon of NYC will lead major construction on the 26-story condo, which is slated for 2027 completion, according to Savanna Group. The ground floor restaurant will be open to residents and the public when the development is finished, it added,

"We're introducing a unique luxury residential concept that this area hasn't seen yet, and we're excited to collaborate with this impressive chef to elevate the neighborhood not only for our buyers but for the entire community," Savanna Group's President and Co-Chairman Chris Schlank said in a statement.

Chef José Andrés moved to Washington, D.C. from Spain in 1993 to lead the now famous <u>tapas</u> <u>restaurant Jaleo</u>. He eventually founded the restaurant-focused José Andrés Group, which includes the two Michelin-star awarded Minibar he established in 2003.



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The Spanish-American chef has also earned Bib Gourmand designations for four of his restaurants in addition to 13 James Beard Foundation nominations and awards.

José Andrés Group has developed over 30 restaurants across the signature small plate, fast-casual and mercado categories. The firm currently has 19 restaurant brands.

In South Florida, the restaurant group opened <u>Zaytinya in South Beach</u> in November 2023, which operates from The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach.

Olara Residences will be the first Palm Beach County property to welcome a José Andrés Group restaurant, according to Savanna Group.

While initial details are scarce, the real estate firm noted the condo's upcoming restaurant will offer indoor and outdoor dining.

Savanna Group added that Olara residents will secure exclusive access to culinary services, including food and beverage provisions throughout the tower's amenity spaces and private in-residence dining areas.

Accomplished chefs have been sought out by South Florida real estate developers and multifamily properties to develop restaurants as amenities in recent years, including Chef Todd English's restaurant at the Bentley Residences in Sunny Isles and Chef Ryan Ratino's restaurant Maass at The Four Seasons Hotel and Residences Fort Lauderdale.