



## Simon's Restaurant Opens in Midtown Next Week

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**Simon's Restaurant** will make its debut next Friday, September 1, at 793 Juniper Street NE. The restaurant takes over the space once held by Atlanta rapper Ludacris's old restaurant, Straits.

**Initial plans** called for celebrity chef Marvin Woods, who previously cooked at shuttered Downtown restaurant Asante, to run the kitchen. But, a spokesperson tells Eater Atlanta Woods recently departed for a new job in South Carolina. Instead, **Allysa Storms** is on board as executive chef. At Simon's, Storms will attempt to give patrons an "original New York dining experience" filtered through a Southern lens.



Storms's menu will include dishes such as a Niçoise salad, Guinness-braised short ribs, red snapper, and Dr. Pepper-glaze pork belly. Simon's will also boast selections from a raw bar. A press release describes the cocktail program as "Midtown-themed," which is a bit vague.

The space will cover 4,500 square feet, and the main dining room will seat 69. A second level will offer seating for an additional 50 and a 14-seat private dining room.

"The vibrant atmosphere and innovative menu are a natural fit for Midtown's eclectic dining culture," owner **Simon Guobadia** said in a prepared statement Wednesday. "The stylish culture and people coupled with the exciting evolution and development of the area are a great match for Simon's Restaurant."

Dinner is served Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Daily happy hour runs from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Late-night service runs Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to midnight. Scope the dinner and beverage menus below.

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