



Masa Takayama Unveils a New Japanese Venture and More Chef News in the Northeast and Overseas

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In New York City, **Masa Takayama (Masa, Kappo Masa)** debuted his modern Japanese robata, **Tetsu**, in TriBeCa; in 2018, the restaurant will add a subterranean space called **Basement**, which features omakase menus. **Major Food Group** rounded out its renovations of the historic **Seagram Building** with a Japanese brasserie called **The Lobster Club**. **Toru Okuda** made his U.S. debut with a Chelsea outpost of tasting menu-focused **Okuda**. Hell's Kitchen got a '70's-inspired restaurant and lounge called **Bar Gonzo**, featuring coastal Californian and Mediterranean flavors by **R.L. King**. **Hey Hey Canteen** made it official with its second location in **Gotham West Market at The Ashland**. **SaltBrick Tavern** gets cooking in downtown Brooklyn any day now, with eclectic American fare courtesy of **Michael Franey**. After closing up shop in San Francisco, famed pizzaiolo **Anthony Mangieri** makes his New York City return next year with a new location of **Una Pizza Napoletana**, in partnership with **Jeremiah Stone** and **Fabian Von Hauske Valtierra**.

In Philadelphia, **Kevin Sbraga** signed on as culinary director at Center City's upcoming **Fitler Club**, where he'll oversee the property's two restaurants when it opens in 2019.

In Washington, D.C., **Stephen Lawrence** supplemented his burrito restaurant **Rito Loco** with an adjoining cabin-inspired bar called **600T**. **Tim Ma (Kyrisan)** and **Derek Brown (Columbia Room)** are lending their talents to the dining components of the upcoming **Eaton House** hotel and members club, which will feature a speakeasy-style bar, restaurant and rooftop bar. **Villa Mozart** is no more.

In Boston, **The Broadway** premiered in South Boston, featuring a menu focused on wood-fired pizzas. **Tuscan Kitchen** descends on the Seaport District November 20. **Jason Santos** transforms **Back Bay Harry's** into Baja-inspired **Citrus & Salt** next week. **Celeste** brings Peruvian flavors to Union Square in February.

In Copenhagen, **Rosio Sanchez (Hija De Sanchez)** opens her namesake **Sanchez**, an ode to Mexican cuisine, later this month.