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Restaurant openings: Entente elevates in Lakeview, NaKorn brings another Thai option to Evanston



A savory halibut dish will be one of the selections on Entente's opening menu. (Matt Meschede)

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Another classic Italian spot in River North, Thai cooking in Evanston and a restaurant with a rotating cast of dishes top our list of restaurants coming soon to the Chicago scene.

EVANSTON - NaKorn Kitchen, a new Thai restaurant, soft-opened on Sept. 24. The selection is currently limited to a "Pre-Grand Opening" menu featuring dishes such as roasted duck breast and tofu steak. Drinks include Thai beers and a selection of cocktails. NaKorn hopes to celebrate its grand opening by the beginning of November, said a rep for the restaurant. *1622 Orrington Ave., Evanston, 847-733-8424, www.nakornkitchen.com.*

RIVER NORTH — An update on Italian restaurant **Mama's Boy**, which we first reported on in August: The opening is slated for later this month, according to the Rosebud restaurant group. The restaurant plans to serve weeknight dinners to start with plans to expand into daily lunch and dinner in November. *445 N. Dearborn St., 312-832-7700, no website yet.*

RIVER NORTH — **Griddle 24**, the River North diner from the owners of White Palace and Hollywood Grill, will open Monday, reports Eater. We talked to owner George Liakopoulos last month about the diner's menu and vibe.

STREETERVILLE — By late 2016 Streeterville should be home to a new location of **Cupitol**, the laidback Evanston cafe in Evanston specializing in "European-style" dishes. *455 E. Illinois St., no phone number yet, www.cupitol.com*

EVANSTON — A pair of graduates from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management are planning to open a fast-casual Vietnamese restaurant called **Viet Nom Nom**. According to Evanston Now, co-owner Noah Bleicher founded Nom Nom as a catering and delivery service in 2015, and now, he and co-owner Alan Moy hope to turn the business into a destination storefront for healthy, grab-and-go fare such as vermicelli noodle salad and banh mi. *618 1/2 Church St., Evanston, 312-547-0618, www.eatvietnomnom.com*

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