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José Andrés's Huge Hudson Yards Food Hall Will Be Called Mercado Little Spain

It's a big project from the D.C. chef and the Adrià brothers

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Ferran Adria and Jose Andres | Photo by Mark Von Holden/Getty Images for The International Culinary Center

The highly anticipated, sprawling Spanish food hall collaboration from **José Andrés** and brothers **Ferran** and **Albert Adrià** in the **Hudson Yards** development now has a name: **Mercado Little Spain**.

Andrés — the acclaimed D.C.-based chef credited with popularizing tapas in the states — is taking over 35,000 square feet of **Related Companies'** splashy far west side project, with space both indoors and out.

Expect three full-service restaurants and lots of stalls — the idea being that Mercado Little Spain will give a taste of Spanish dining from morning to late

night. Tapas, pintxos, jamon, churros, fried seafood, pastries, sandwiches, salads, and Spanish grocery items will be among the offerings. The model is much like an Eataly-style market, but with a focus on Spanish food.

Mercado Little Spain is one of the highest-profile and biggest food projects planned for the new development, though it has not previously had a name. Not only will it be Andrés's first NYC project, it will be the first time that the Adrià brothers will have a footprint in the United States. They're the modernist Spanish chefs behind El Bulli, a now-closed three-Michelin-star experimental restaurant that was one of the first global restaurants to play with molecular gastronomy.

The name is "inspired by the immigrant neighborhoods that forged the identity of New York and other US cities," according to a statement.

It's [opening in spring 2019](#) at 10 Hudson Yards, at the same time as all of the other restaurants planned for the development. The Thomas Keller-curated food options also include a restaurant from Keller called TAK Room, a David Chang restaurant, and a restaurant with a view at the top of 30 Hudson Yards. The restaurants are a part of several new skyscrapers, retail space, offices, and apartments that are going up following a 2005 rezoning in the area.