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Hudson Yards Will Have a Restaurant From London's 'Restaurant King'

D&D London will take over a big space at the development

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Des Gunewardena, London's "restaurant king" | Hudson Yards/[D&D London](#)

The **Thomas Keller**-selected restaurants at the huge **Hudson Yards** development will have a

healthy dollop of the UK. **D&D London** — one of the biggest restaurant groups across the pond — has signed on to take over an 11,000-square-foot space in the complex, [according to the Times](#).

It will be the first New York location for the group, which owns more than 30 restaurants like Bluebird, Quaglino's, and the Michelin-starred seafood restaurant Angler. The New York restaurant will have an all-day cafe, but the rest of the menu and idea is still being determined. They are also interviewing chefs.

A partner in the company **Des Gunewardena**, who has been [dubbed London's "restaurant king,"](#) tells Flo Flab that the group is best known "buzzy, glamorous, lively, and fun" restaurants. Many of them are chic hotspots with an upscale bent. D&D also rakes in a lot of cash. In 2016, the company [had about \\$136 million in sales](#). Earnings before interest and taxes [went up by 16 percent to £13 million, or about \\$16 million](#), as well.

Keller and Hudson Yards developer **Related Companies' Kenneth Himmel** are tasked with finding several restaurateurs for a seven-story retail and dining complex at the development. For one, Keller officially plans to open a location of **Bouchon Bakery** at the project, as well as a full-service American restaurant at Hudson Yards. (*Note: a spokesperson previously said Bouchon restaurant would be in the space.*)

[Chef Jose Andres](#) and Greek food restaurateur [Costas Spiliadis](#) also plan to open restaurants there, and Hudson Yards will have a food hall, as well. The development will open in stages, starting next year.

It's no surprise that a deep-pocketed restaurant group like D&D with dozens of locations has snagged one of the spots. Last year, Himmel [said that they needed operators "who can muster millions of dollars to build out their space."](#) With the announcement, that leaves about five more restaurant slots still open.

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