



It's Greenwich grill time for The National

Celebrity chef Geoffrey Zakarian is opening the first outpost of his Midtown eatery, The National, in Greenwich, Conn., his old stomping grounds, Side Dish has learned.

The 85-seat restaurant is slated to open this fall at 376 Greenwich Ave., in a building owned by his partner, Lou Ceruzzi.

"I used to live in Greenwich and have such a fondness for the town," Zakarian said. "We will be right on

Greenwich Ave., close to the train. As a former Greenwich commuter, I always envisioned a type of bustling neighborhood cafe where you could stop in for a proper cocktail and a delicious meal."



The National will feature local produce, seafood, a wood-burning grill and serious bar space.

The former Food Network star opened The National — billed as a modern American bistro with European touches — in 2010 at 557 Lexington Ave. near 50th Street.

A third outpost is slated for next year in Washington, DC, in the Old Post Office Pavilion, owned by Donald Trump.

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