

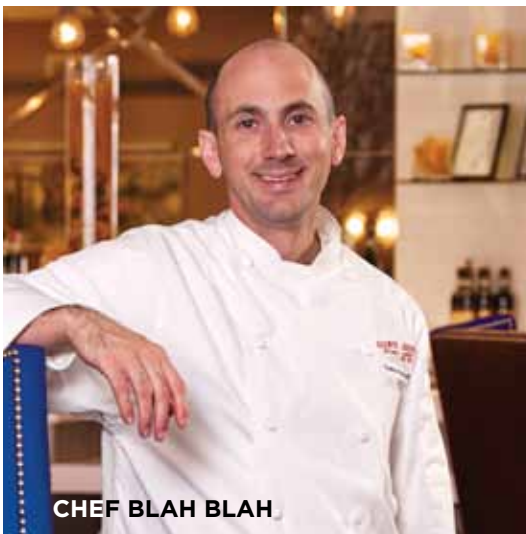
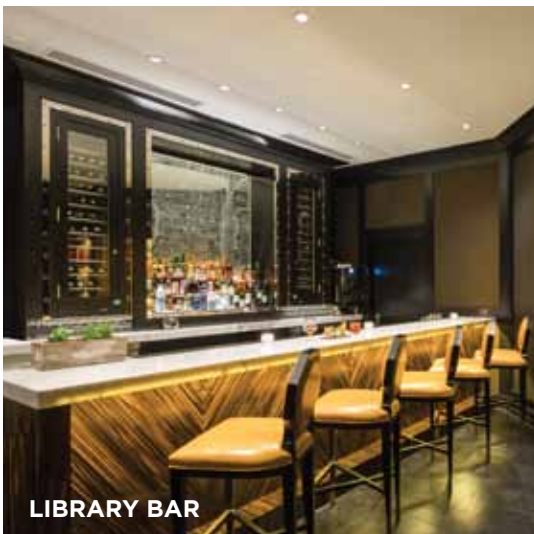
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BLT Gets a New Chef * Jose Andres and ThinkFood Group Moving...

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NEW YORK CITY—**BLT Fish** (21 W. 17th St.) got a new exec chef in June, when **Luke Venner** joined the restaurant. He previously served as chef de cuisine and co-creator of **Millwrights** (Simsbury, CT). • The sous chefs at **Gramercy Tavern** (42 E. 20th St.) took over for pastry chef **Nancy Olson** when she left to return to North Dakota. No official replacement yet. • Owners **Enrique Blaksley** and **Juan Fabbri** opened **Malbec Wine Bar and Restaurant** (428 Lafayette St.), awarding **Rodrigo Sieiro** the toque. He previously served as exec chef at **Nectarine** in Buenos Aires. One wall is decorated with 18,000 corks. On the lower level **Tango House**, shows feature talent direct from Buenos Aires. • **Ghaya Oliveira** became exec pastry chef at **Daniel** (60 E. 65th St.) in July. She previously held the same post at **Bar Boulud** and **Boulud Sud**. **Tyler Atwell**, formerly at the **Mandarin Oriental**, replaced her. • **The Sea Grill** (19 W. 49th St.) appointed **Yuhi Fujinaga** exec chef in July. He recently held the position of chef de cuisine at Bar Basque. • **Sébastien Chamaret** replaced **Romuald Jung** as exec chef at **Bagatelle NY** (1 Little W. 12th St.) in July. He has worked at Daniel. No word on Jung’s whereabouts.

PHILADELPHIA—The recently renovated **Rittenhouse Hotel** (210 W. Rittenhouse Square) opened the newly built **Library Bar** in July, with food by exec chef **Jon Cichon** and drinks by mixologist **Pablo Hurtado**. Cichon was previously at the hotel’s **Lacroix** restaurant, and Hurtado arrived from **Savona** (Gulph Mills, PA).

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