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Casual Filipino Rice Bowl Shop Opening in Jewelry District

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Chef Charles Olalia took on the job of leading one of Downtown's finest kitchens in 2012 when he became the head chef of Patina, the restaurant at the foot of the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

He departed last summer to cook at Palos Verdes' mar'sel, but something must have called him back, as he's opening a new casual rice-bowl joint in the Jewelry District with partner Santos Uy.

The simply titled Ricebar, slated to open next week, will dive into the flavors of Olalia's native Philippines. It touts a focus on pairing different types of Filipino heirloom rice with an assortment of toppings, mostly preparations of local produce but also some familiar meats (including the Filipino favorite longanisa, a rich sausage similar to chorizo).

To say the space is tiny is a pretty huge understatement. The 275-square-foot space will be just enough for Olalia and his minimal equipment, along with a few counter seats. Ricebar will open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The L.A. Times first reported the details of the opening.

Coming to 419 W. Seventh St.



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