

Team behind Dallas' XOXO Dining Room to open Houston restaurant in former Del Frisco's Grille space

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Dallas-based Gap Concepts plans to open PostScript HTX — described as a "flirty and festive, female-forward restaurant and lounge" with a "saturated pink backdrop" — in Houston's Upper Kirby District this fall.

PostScript HTX will occupy the [space Del Frisco's Grille vacated in 2018](#) in the Shops at Arrive River Oaks, the [mixed-use development formerly known as West Ave](#), at 2800 Kirby Drive. [Bryan Caswell](#), the James Beard Award-

nominated chef behind [former Houston restaurants such as Reef](#), El Real Tex-Mex Café, Little Bigs, Stella Sola and Jackson Street BBQ, is serving as the consulting chef for PostScript HTX.

"We love the safe, supportive and high-energy environment that has occurred organically in Dallas at XOXO Dining Room, and we're aiming for the same at PostScript HTX with an experience tailormade for this sophisticated site," said [Veeral Rathod](#), Gap Concepts founder and managing partner, former CEO of Spence Diamonds and founder of clothing innovator J.Hilburn. "And while our focus is female forward, we have refined our design and concept in Houston to be friendlier to our male clientele."

[Jeffrey Abel](#) of Abel Design Group, who has worked on several Mastro's locations from Uptown Houston to Malibu, is designing PostScript HTX's 9,300-square-foot space. It will feature an "eye-catching art installation on the building's exterior" and "plush, playful vignettes designed for different moods," according to a press release. PostScript HTX will seat 393 customers in the main dining room, 75 in the cocktail and dining lounge, and 26 in the garden patio facing Arrive's interior. There's also a small secondary patio facing Kirby Drive and a private dining room with a dedicated bar and patio that can accommodate 42 for a sit-down dinner or 70 when combined with a semiprivate area. Houston hospitality designer [Erin Hicks](#) is also working on the project.

Houston-based Construction Concepts & Design, led by [Josh Weisman](#), is the contractor on the project.

Details about the menu are still slim, but "offerings will include sumptuous shareable plates, sometimes irreverent cocktails and a bounty of Instagrammable moments, complete with Press for Champagne doorbells to ensure the delivery of bubbles to booths post haste," per the release.

"Bryan has set a delicious tone for us to follow at PostScript HTX," said Gap Concepts co-founder [Obi Ibetu](#). "He was intrigued by our pitch for a concept that's really unlike anything in the city, and with his consulting expertise, our guests are going to be in for a dining treat with the opening menu he has created for us."