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Brunch Pros Opening Gaslamp Breakfast Company

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Banana bread pancakes *Walter Wilson Studios*

[Rise & Shine Restaurant Group](#) founder Johan Engman is following his [recent relaunch of El Jardin Cantina in Liberty Station](#) with another daytime eatery that draws on his expertise with morning eats. [Gaslamp Breakfast Company](#) will arrive downtown by January 2020. The 3,148-square-foot space, which includes a patio, sits on J Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues and replaces The Dive SKC, a Cajun-Creole seafood restaurant that lasted about a year in the space.

Engman also owns the [Breakfast Republic](#) empire, and this new breakfast spot will be located less than a half-mile from its bustling East Village branch. Gaslamp Breakfast Company is designed in part to ease the wait times there, much as [the launch of North Park Breakfast Company earlier this spring](#) was meant to relieve the crowds that frequently gather at the Breakfast Republic on University Avenue.

The two brands of eateries offer different takes on breakfast and brunch; Gaslamp's menu will be similar to North Park Breakfast Company, which features chilaquiles, fried rice eggs Benedict, omelets and scrambles, and chicken confit and grits as well as sweet and savory, indulgent pancakes, and French toast. This location will also have a full bar pouring classic Bloody Marys, coffee cocktails, and other spiked drinks that feature a base of fresh fruit and vegetable juices.

Nate Benedetto of [Next Wave Commercial](#), who brokered the deal, said, "The landlord was impressed with Johan's track record, menu, and contemporary aesthetic. With large hotels on three sides of this intersection, a breakfast concept was a natural fit for this corner."

