

■ MITA'S RESTAURANT

1st Congressional District

Mita's Restaurant Brings Authentic Spanish Cuisine to Cincinnati

Mita's Restaurant is introducing Spanish and Latin American cuisine to downtown Cincinnati. The highly anticipated 135-seat restaurant was named in honor of Chef Jose Salazar's grandmother, Mita, and will offer traditional tapas, paella, pan con tomate, Iberico ham and other cured meats. Latin American dishes will include arepas, empanadas and ceviches served up in a formal, yet laid back vibe.

This is the second Cincinnati restaurant that Chef Salazar and his wife Ann have opened. Salazar, their tiny, contemporary American bistro in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood, is packed nightly with diners enjoying duck rillettes, fried oyster sliders, rib-eye steaks, and veal tongue a la plancha.

For the new restaurant, Finance Fund Capital Corporation (FCAP) is providing a \$150,000 small business loan to be used for working capital and equipment. The loan is guaranteed through the U.S. Small Business Association Community Advantage 7(a) program which helps mitigate the risks associated with the restaurant industry.

Chef Salazar was born in Colombia, South America and raised in New York City. After graduating from the culinary program at the New York Restaurant School, he worked for some of New York's most celebrated chefs and restaurateurs before taking his knowledge and experience to Cincinnati in 2008. Three years later, *Food and Wine* magazine named him the people's choice "Best New Chef". In December 2013, he opened Salazar to instant success.

"The Salazars have proven that they have the experience, knowledge and attention to hospitality to make Mita's another highly acclaimed dining hot spot in the fast-growing Cincinnati restaurant scene," said Finance Fund President Diana Turoff. *"FCAP's small business loan will enable Chef Salazar to get Mita's under way in the capital intensive start-up phase of restaurant development."*



FINANCE FUND CAPITAL CORPORATION INVESTMENT IMPACT:

- **Helps provide employment for 8 full-time and 10 part-time restaurant workers, and 20 construction workers in an urban metro area with a 35% poverty rate**
- **Brings new Spanish cuisine to expand Cincinnati's dining options and attract residents and visitors**



Chef Jose Salazar

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