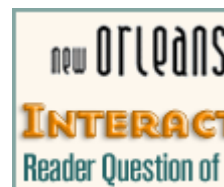


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### New Drago's opening in downtown N.O.

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NEW ORLEANS — Drago's, the popular Metairie restaurant known for its charbroiled oysters, is opening a second location inside the Hilton Riverfront Hotel.

The new restaurant is expected to open in early 2007.

"We are very happy to be a part of the exciting downtown area and an alliance with the Hilton," said Drago's owner Tommy Cvitanovich. "New Orleans is such a special place and our family is committed to continuing to share its culture and food with people from all over the world."

The new 382-seat Drago's will open with the same menu and prices as the Metairie location. The restaurant fits into the Hilton's \$40-million renovation completed in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

The original Drago's Seafood Restaurant and Oyster Bar, 3232 N. Arnoult Road in Metairie, opened in 1970. Cvitanovich will oversee the restaurants. The new location recreates the look and feel of the original. •



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