



Luke Mangan is set to open the Palace next month.

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## Regal appointments

KEY staff have been announced for Luke Mangan's new South Melbourne gastro-pub, the Palace. The manager of the venue — which will have a 70-seat dining room and a 100-seat courtyard — is Christian Green, who spent the past six years at the Botanical. There's synchronicity in the appointment: Green, along with general manager Bridget Hall, walked from the Bot on the same day back in March, victims of Comerstone's erratic management policy, and the Palace is one of the properties offloaded by the equity group in its pre-collapse fire sale. The head chef, meanwhile, the mysterious MJ (Espresso, April 21), is Marjon Olguera, a Mangan employee since 2004 who has worked at Glass Brasserie and Bistro Lulu and is returning from Salt Tokyo to take up the appointment. The Palace is due to open late next month.

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