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# Say Hello to Saint Yves, A Downtown Stunner

The sexy clubhouse boasts caviar service and modern quirks

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A sleek and glam getaway scheduled to debut May 12 in the heart of [Dupont Circle](#) invites the elite to savor imported caviar and lounge in style from evening until late-night.

The 5,000-square-foot clubhouse at 1220 Connecticut Avenue NW comes from D.C. party starters David Chung and Ki Jun Sung, who have previously launched [Capitale](#), [Chinese Disco](#), [George](#), and [K Street Lounge](#), to name a few.

They used those years of intel to craft a space that's "not a waitlist-restaurant or crowded, delirious bar," notes Sung.

Backed in part by Bill Dean, the team spared no expense on the Instagram-worthy details. A quartz-topped main bar, a grand chandelier made up of half a mile of custom gold chain links, a dramatic staircase, and ceiling tulle sculpture round out the two-story clubhouse.

The 150-seat spot, with room for 280 standing, will function in both day-to-night settings — open for corporate happy hours, special events, and late-night party people.

Swatchroom restored the historical landmark's 12-foot soaring arched windows and classic vestibule with period mosaic tile.

Caviar service includes Osetra, Beluga, Sevruga, and salmon varieties, served with toast points and other classic accompaniments. D.C. is experiencing a caviar craze lately, with Robert Wiedmaier's new [Siren](#) also touting the pricey treat.

Consulting chef Alex McCoy ([Alfie's](#), [Duke's Grocery](#)) has contributed cheeses and house-cured charcuterie also offered with toast, house-made jams and pickled vegetables. Other bar snacks include spiced Marcona almonds, house-made patés, and roasted chicken salad on a baguette.

**Status:** Opening Fridays only from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. until May 26. Starting June 1, weekday happy hour (except Monday) and Saturday nights will be added to the mix. *1220 Connecticut Avenue NW*; [website](#).