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Miracle Mile staple JohnMartin's Irish Pub & Restaurant, closed since April 2020, to reopen later this year

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A Coral Gables staple won't disappear after all, with new ownership pledging to bring JohnMartin's Irish Pub & Restaurant back later this year.

The 32-year-old eatery, at 253 Miracle Mile, closed in April 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and was unable to reopen, even after dine-in restrictions were lifted during the summer. However, Miami-based Breakwater

Hospitality Group took ownership of the establishment and plans to reopen it in the fall.

But first, the restaurant will be renovated. Breakwater tapped Miami-based Bigtime Design Studios to reimagine the aging space.

Breakwater is perhaps best known for owning and operating the Wharf locations in Miami and Fort Lauderdale. It also operates the Rivertail and the Piefather restaurants in Fort Lauderdale.

“JohnMartin’s had a tremendous impact on South Florida’s bar scene, and you will be hard-pressed to find a restaurant or bar that rivals their iconic status and reputation for hospitality,”

Breakwater Hospitality co-owner [Emi Guerra](#) said. “Our team is proud to breathe new life into JohnMartin’s, and to continue the tradition of providing the same welcoming service - but with a fresh new look and feel suited for the times.”

[Martin Lynch](#) and [John Clarke](#) are no longer owners of the eatery, but a representative said they are still involved as consultants. Lynch noted in a statement he’s glad to see the concept live on.

“[Breakwater is] carrying on a 30-year tradition,” he said. “It’s great seeing our vision evolve into something new that we know everyone will enjoy for at least another 30 years to come.”

Miami Beach-based Terranova Corp. owns the building that houses JohnMartin’s Irish Pub & Restaurant. The eatery is surrounded by a plethora of retail and restaurant options, as Miracle Mile is the most prominent shopping and dining strip in Coral Gables.

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Local chef [Adrienne Calvo](#) revealed earlier this month that her newest concept, Forte by Chef Adrienne, would open in April at 45 Miracle Mile, just two blocks away from JohnMartin's. The eatery, in the space formerly occupied by Cibo Wine Bar, will have the capacity for 240 patrons at launch.

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