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## Vida Cocina to open in EpiCentre

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A Mexican restaurant is slated to open by early summer in the EpiCentre development uptown.

Vida Cocina and Tequila Bar will have seating for 264.

Executive Chef Chris Swinyard's menu incorporates traditional Mexican cooking with contemporary recipes, including grilled shrimp tacos with jalapeno bacon and mango habanero salsa, tortilla-crust ed halibut and adobo-rubbed pork chops.

The bar will be stocked with more than 100 varieties of tequila.

It will be managed by Swinyard, formerly of Dean and Deluca, and Sean Obrien, former managing partner of the Capital Grille in Charlotte.

The two will open the restaurant in partnership with Charlotte-based **Landmark Leisure Group**, a consulting firm specializing in the restaurant and entertainment industries.