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Iron Chef to Bring World-Class Dining to Morristown: Montclair Hospitality Group Expands MM by Morimoto to Historic Vail Mansion

MORRISTOWN, NJ – The Town of Morristown is thrilled to announce that the Montclair Hospitality Group will bring newly acclaimed **MM by Morimoto** to the historic **Vail Mansion**, marking a new chapter in the town’s growing reputation as a premier dining destination.

The project, led by **Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto** and hospitality entrepreneur **Luck Sarabhayavanija**, represents a landmark investment in Morristown’s downtown and a testament to the town’s thriving cultural and culinary scene.

“Our goal with MM by Morimoto at Vail Mansion is to create something truly extraordinary, a destination that brings global culinary excellence to one of New Jersey’s most storied landmarks,” said Luck Sarabhayavanija, founder of Montclair Hospitality Group. “Together with Chef Morimoto, we’re honoring the legacy of Vail Mansion while reimagining what fine dining can be in this region.”

Following the closure of Jockey Hollow Bar & Kitchen earlier this year, Morristown’s administration, under Mayor Tim Dougherty’s leadership, worked swiftly to ensure the preservation and revitalization of the historic Vail Mansion. Through proactive coordination and collaboration, the Town helped secure a long-term lease with Montclair Hospitality Group by March, paving the way for one of New Jersey’s most exciting new dining experiences.

The restaurant’s design, led by the world-renowned Ste. Marie Studio (stemariestudio.com), reimagines Vail Mansion through six uniquely themed spaces, each blending the building’s historic integrity with refined modern elegance. The result will be a striking and immersive environment that reflects the innovation and artistry of Chef Morimoto’s global culinary brand. The restaurant will also introduce standout steak and mixology programs, ensuring a dining experience unlike any other in the region.



“Morristown has always been a place where history, culture, and ambition meet,” said **Mayor Tim Dougherty**. “This project reflects those values and exemplifies what can happen when public and private partners come together with a shared vision of excellence. Our administration is deeply committed to attracting top-tier partners who share our vision for Morristown’s future, and we’re proud that Chef Morimoto and the Montclair Hospitality Group see what we see, a town that honors its past while embracing innovation and world-class opportunity.”

With the design phase now complete, Montclair Hospitality Group has formally submitted renovation plans to the Town and is working closely with municipal officials to fulfill all requirements.

Further details regarding the opening timeline and reservations will be announced shortly.

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