

# dining room

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### **Jim Kerr is Back in Town**

Jim Kerr, most recently in charge of the kitchens at celebrity hang out, Mar Hall is moving back into the city centre to take charge of the kitchen at Manna in Bath Street.

Part of Alan Tomkins' OurVenues Group, which includes seafood specialist Gamba and Urban Bar and Brasserie amongst many others, Manna will be rebranded as Dining Room.

Bearing the name of the Byres Road restaurant which Jim ran before launching at Mar Hall it will feature some of the dishes for which he has become well known as well as his signature style of Scottish cooking with Asian influences.

Winner of the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award at the Scottish Chef Awards in 2008, Jim has brought his inimitable style to establishments such as One Devonshire Gardens, Rogano and Nairns and is looking forward to getting back to his roots in the city centre.

Commenting on the move Jim said,

"This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of the complete rebrand of a highly successful City Centre restaurant. Alan has had a restaurant on this site for 20years and it's a great honour that he is changing the name from Manna to Dining Room.

The new menu will feature some of my signature dishes as well as some new additions. It was a privilege cooking for so many celebrities but I am really looking forward to being back in town and catching up with my old regular clients."

The new look Dining Room will be open for business from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Alan Tomkins said,

"Derek Marshall and I are delighted that Jim is joining our highly successful team. With Derek, my business partner, in Gamba and Urban Bar and Brasserie and Jim Kerr in Dining Room I am convinced that we can cater for every taste and occasion."

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