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Ludacris goes Singapore at restaurant

It's official: Atlanta actor, rapper and budding restaurateur **Chris Bridges**, aka **Ludacris**, will unveil his new eatery at 793 Juniper St. in Midtown this April. In a release to Buzz on Wednesday, we were informed that Straits Restaurant, with a "modern Singaporean" menu, will debut at the site of the now-shuttered Spice. The concept is an extension of three successful California eateries with the same name run by chef/owner **Chris Yeo**. The former hairstylist turned chef is forming a partnership with Luda to bring the rapper's favorite food to Atlantans.

"Chris Bridges' commitment to his community and his family sealed the deal for me," explains Yeo. "This market is ideal for Straits and likewise Straits is perfect for the city."

Bridges first sampled

Yeo's menu on a trip to San Francisco.

Explains Bridges: "After experiencing Yeo's modern spin on Singaporean cuisine combined with the sexy dining, I wanted to bring this restaurant home to Atlanta."

The Johnson Studio has been hired to bring the sexy (along with some "subtle Eastern influences") to the eatery's interiors. The 215-seat restaurant will be open for dinner starting this spring.

For an advance peek at potential menu offerings here, including sake sampler flights, a lemongrass beef entree, whole lobster and shrimp pad Thai and inventive vegetarian offerings, go to www.straitsrestaurants.com.

A Dalmatian for Davis on catwalk

When we saw Dave FM



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Atlanta rapper and actor **Ludacris** is bringing Atlanta the Singaporean food of San Francisco owner/chef **Chris Yeo**. Straits, where Spice used to be, is scheduled to open this spring.

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