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# Recognized Indiana Chef to open Cerulean in downtown Indianapolis' CityWay

Chef and Owner Caleb France's acclaimed restaurant will be first to open in new neighborhood

INDIANAPOLIS—Chef-owner Caleb France has chosen downtown Indianapolis' newest neighborhood, CityWay, as the site for the next iteration of his highly-touted Cerulean Restaurant in Winona Lake, Indiana. CityWay is the heart of a new eight-block neighborhood north of South Street that will encompass The Alexander Hotel, residential units, office space and retail, as well as a new state-of-the-art YMCA and public park.

CityWay's Cerulean restaurant will bring Chef and Owner Caleb France's emphasis on local and fresh to Indianapolis. France will reinterpret the bounty of Midwestern ingredient-driven cuisine through modern inspired bento box at lunch and a progressive fine dining experience at dinner.

"Our menu will highlight the rediscovery of heirloom ingredients while exploring creative cooking and preservation techniques. It's a lot of fun without the pretension, and with the dramatic transformation between lunch and dinner, guests will involve themselves in two unique dining experiences," says France.

Scott Travis, senior development executive for Buckingham Companies, which is building CityWay, said, "We are pleased that Cerulean's first foray into downtown Indianapolis will be at CityWay. With its distinctive menu, Cerulean will be a great addition to the neighborhood."

The Cerulean menu will feature plants & proteins from local farms and original house creations from the culinary team such as charcuterie, pickling, innovative cocktails and micro roasted coffee.

France opened the first Cerulean in Winona Lake in 2006 after spending a year focused on catering. In 2010, the resort-based restaurant was recognized by *Indianapolis Monthly* as one of its "25 Meals Worth the Drive."

"Our concepts and culture are based on respect for community and education through the art of food," says Chef France. "That's been an exciting part of where we are now, and we can't wait to live that focus when we open in Indianapolis."

"We're thrilled about bringing our culinary beliefs in sourcing local ingredients, offering a variety of cooking styles and tastes, and pushing the envelope in the culinary arts — with our restaurant patrons and with ourselves at the new CityWay Cerulean."

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Founded in 1984, Buckingham is a full service, fully integrated, real estate company that includes the development, acquisition, management and construction of a wide range of property types including multifamily, student housing and mixed-use communities. Buckingham manages nearly \$1 billion of real estate assets for its own account, clients and institutional partners. More than 100 properties consisting of nearly 15 million square-feet of property, and approximately 15,000 rental units nationwide comprise the managed portfolio. Additionally, Buckingham Foundation annually supports more than 45 nonprofit and civic organizations through philanthropic outreach in the areas of affordable housing, community and economic development, and arts and culture. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.buckingham-co.com">www.buckingham-co.com</a>.

### **About Cerulean**

Cerulean through food, at its best and at every level: is about communication, communion and joy, while encouraging a modern sensibility that inspires. Find more at <a href="https://www.ceruleanrestaurant.com">www.ceruleanrestaurant.com</a>

## **About CityWay**

CityWay,is a dynamic new 14-acre neighborhood in the heart of downtown Indianapolis that encompasses a 209-room art hotel, destination restaurants, a state-of-the-art YMCA, apartments, and 40,000 square feet of retail and office space. With a pedestrian-friendly urban design, the mix of public spaces, offices, residential and retail will make CityWay an attractive place to work, play, and live, and will serve as a catalyst for future development in the surrounding neighborhood. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.cityway.com">www.cityway.com</a>.