

The Mercury Opens at Atlanta's Ponce City Market

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The Mercury, the second restaurant from partners Mike Blydenstein, Brooks Cloud and Julian Goglia, opened January 12 at Atlanta's famed culinary destination Ponce City Market. The award-winning team behind The Pinewood in Decatur, Georgia, and Proof Old Fashioned Cocktail Syrups, have extended their cocktail-focused concept with their latest endeavor.

Dubbed one of Atlanta's most anticipated openings and hottest new bars for 2016, The Mercury is now open daily for lunch and dinner on the second floor of Ponce City Market's Central Food Hall.



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Blydenstein, Cloud, and Goglia worked closely with Atlanta's Square Feet Studio to design the 4,400-square-foot restaurant. The 200-seat space is elegantly reminiscent of the 1950s and 1960s era with a mid-century modern interior that references not only the food but also the space capsule that inspired the name of the restaurant. It is anchored by a large 36-seat bar that is illuminated with classic globe pendants with silver tipped bulbs, fluted walnut panels and a stunning natural stone that is reminiscent of the surface of the moon. The space itself is rich with history, which is highlighted by

exposing the original brick walls, rolling steel doors, time worn concrete columns and refinished the original floors. Dining areas are separated by dark teal-hued banquettes that were inspired by vintage car seats. The main dining room features stunning pendants with smoke glass bulbs that speak to the 1960s space race while adding a touch of glamour to the restaurant.