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Taking off ... Matt Barge, Tim Barge, chef Jin Kung, Paul Capaldi and Chris Barge. Photo: Domino Postiglione

PaperPlanes barges its way into Bali and New York scenes

The latest Sydney restaurant to spread its wings and expand overseas is not a heavy-hitting stalwart of the local food scene. Indeed, **PaperPlanes** only opened at Bondi Beach in April, but is set to take on New York and Bali. Co-owner **Tim Barge** confirms they have signed on a site in Manhattan's Meatpacking District, where PaperPlanes and its Tokyo Pop style will open for New Yorkers in the second half of next year. But it is the Bali deal that sounds as if it is on steroids. **PaperPlanes Beach Club** will serve up to 600 punters when it opens next Easter, at Echo Beach, in front of the new Sea Sentosa development at Canggu.

"We are looking to redefine the traditional beach club vibe," Barge says.

Tim and brothers **Chris** and **Matt**, quietly worked their way up the Sydney hospitality ladder. They started with a cafe in Randwick and, in 2009, they picked the ascent of Llanckelly Place at Potts Point, where they opened **LL Wine & Dine**. PaperPlanes followed.

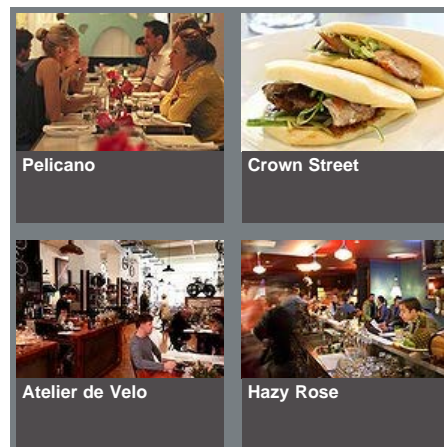


The Bali concept for PaperPlanes.

"We are going to stick to the formula that has worked in Bondi, showcasing bartenders, DJs and sushi chefs working side by side with matching cocktails, sounds and tastes," Tim says. And he says the

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overseas expansion won't stop at Bali and New York. "Our goal is to be the next **Nobu**, with a more vibrant edge."

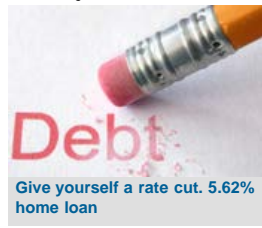
Catalina stalwart rides the X74 to Coogee

Tim Hughes, a fixture for 12 years at **Catalina** in Rose Bay, has popped up in another waterside suburb, opening **X74** in Coogee. The former Catalina manager is joined by fellow Catalina colleague **Nathan Holowell**, who is head chef. A cafe by day, restaurant by night (well, Friday and Saturday nights), it is on the one-time site of **Chez Benny** restaurant, at 10 Bream Street. Bus users will recognise the name: X74 is the local route.



Ex-Catalina chef Nathan Holowell is head chef at new X74 cafe/restaurant in Coogee. Photo: Danielle Smith

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