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The Ordinary restaurant opens on Upper King

The Ordinary, the latest restaurant venture of award-winning chef **Mike Lata** and business partner **Adam Nemirow**, opened Wednesday at 544 King St. in downtown Charleston.

The fancy seafood oyster hall in a former **Bank of America** building built in 1927 is one of the many new projects transforming Upper King Street from boarded-up storefronts and vacant lots to a bustling business district of new hotels, restaurants and retail space.

The meticulously restored building with a 22-foot ceiling kept the massive bank vault door between the raw bar and the kitchen as a centerpiece.

It is open from 3 to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and closed on Mondays. It seats 103 downstairs and upstairs, including 18 at the full-service bar and six at the raw bar.

The Ordinary brings 40 to 50 new jobs. Lata, a **James Beard Foundation**-winning chef, and Nemirow also operate F.I.G. at Meeting and Hasell streets in Charleston.