

Herb & Wood Heading Up the Coast to Encinitas With Herb & Sea

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The new North County restaurant will be a showcase for seafood

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On the heels of announcing the conception of [Animae](#), a new Asian restaurant slated to open downtown by the end of the year, [Herb & Wood](#) creators Puffer Malarkey Restaurants are revealing that it will give a new North County sibling to its first-born Little Italy restaurant. Scheduled to debut by Early 2019, **Herb & Sea** is moving into a 6,500-square-foot building on D Street just off Highway 101 in downtown Encinitas.

The team will be thoroughly remodeling the art deco-styled building, which is in much need

of repair. Co-founder **Christopher Puffer** shared, “We want to bring the building back to its original glory and give Encinitas a dining venue they will be proud to have in their community.” With a design inspired by one of Puffer’s favorite childhood spots, the historic Pemaquid Point Lighthouse in Maine, the restaurant is aiming for an atmosphere that combines a coastal fine dining experience with a friendly neighborhood vibe.

As the name suggests, Herb & Sea will have a significant focus on seafood. A reflection of co-founder/executive chef **Brian Marlarkey’s** affinity for the ocean, fishing and surfing, the restaurant will feature a custom oyster bar and a range of raw seafood. The menu will be rounded out by dishes familiar to those who have dined at Herb & Wood, including plates based on wood-fired cookery as well as housemade pasta, pizza and desserts.

Next Wave Commercial’s Nate Benedetto represented Puffer Malarkey Restaurants in the transaction and **Urban Strategies Group’s** Michael Burton and Alex Drecksel represented the landlord. Drexel said, “This prime location had many interested parties, but Herb & Sea represented an amazing use for the community by a pair of the best operators in the region.”

