



Bäcoshop Is the Lunch Hero Culver City Needs Right Now

Superhero chef Josef Centeno unmask his latest fast casual project

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It's almost time for Bäcoshop, the long-awaited downtown Culver City offering from chef Josef Centeno. The star restaurateur is known for owning a particularly busy block of Downtown with his restaurants Ledlow, PYT, O rsa & Win ston, Bar Ama, and Bäco Mercat, but **is now spinning off those bäco sandwiches** with their own standalone casual space well to the west.

Bäcoshop stands in the **former Chop Daddy location** right around the corner from the movie theater in Culver City, with lots of frontage and a bunch of natural light. The **Bells and Whistles-**designed location is slim but comfortable, with some casual seating up front and a long, open counter that shows off the kitchen and all those sandwiches beyond. The kitchen will actually be firing off their daily bäco bread for all to see, while also serving a burrito version, plus salads and some grab and go items, including the well-known sodas Centeno makes called bäco pops. You can catch an early iteration of **the full menu here**.

The counter service model is one Centeno is embracing here, given the laid back nature of the neighborhood. That should help keep costs manageable in a part of town that can sometimes struggle with new concepts in the high-rent corridor. But if all goes well, Centeno tells the *LA Times* he could foresee Bäckshops expanding into New York City, San Francisco, Nashville, and beyond. For now, the first Bäckshop officially opens Thursday, keeping lunch through dinner hours daily.

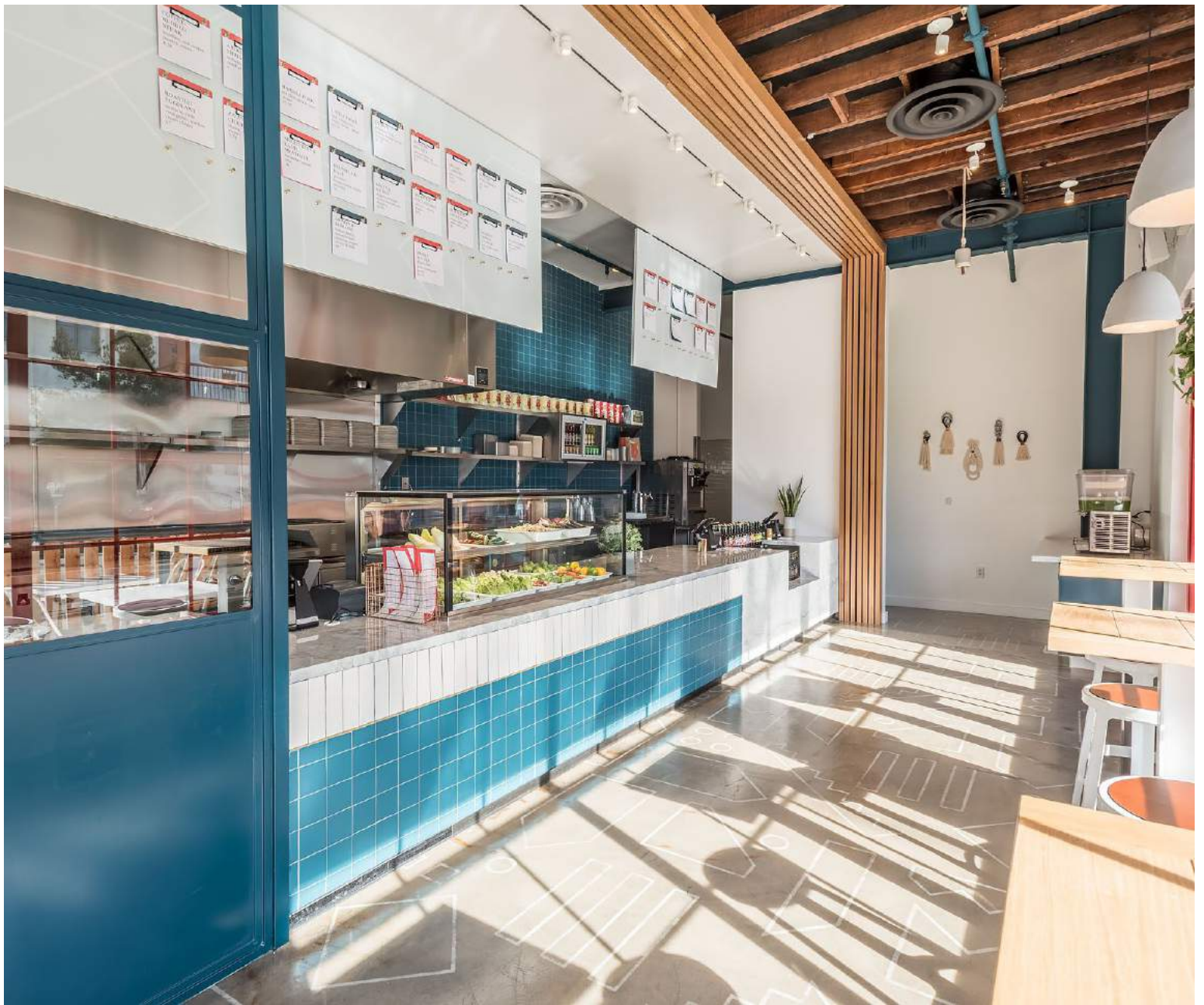
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