



Thomas Keller to Close Hudson Yards Restaurant in New York City

TAK Room is one of the highest-profile restaurant casualties to date from the coronavirus pandemic

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Michelin-starred chef Thomas Keller said Wednesday that he is shutting down his TAK Room restaurant at Hudson Yards, one of the highest-profile closings to date due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The dining spot is a marquee attraction of the \$25 billion complex. The complex opened last year and has tried to position itself as a prime culinary destination in the city.

The pandemic has upended the restaurant and retail picture at the development. In July, Neiman Marcus Group Ltd., said it was closing its Hudson Yards location, a key component of the complex.

In announcing the permanent shutdown of the TAK Room and also his Bouchon Bakery at Hudson Yards, Mr. Keller said in a statement that the pandemic has “devastated the global economy

and caused irreparable damage to our business and profession.”

Many dining and drinking spots throughout the city have closed since the onset of the pandemic.

Still, New York-based restaurant consultant Arlene Spiegel said the closing of TAK Room has special meaning, since there are few American chefs more celebrated than Mr. Keller, whose other establishments include Per Se in New York and the French Laundry in Yountville, Calif.

“What it shows is that no one is invincible,” Ms. Spiegel said.

Related said that the TAK Room’s location on the fifth floor, in addition to the multilevel space that Neiman Marcus occupied, will be transformed into offices. ●