

Who is Patina Group?

Monsieur Dior's behind-the-scenes partner

In September 2025, Dior announced a partnership with Michelin-star chef Dominique Crenn to open Monsieur Dior at its flagship store on Rodeo Drive. What is not advertised on the restaurant websiteⁱ or in some magazine articles about the openingⁱⁱ is that the restaurant is being operated by a completely different company: Patina Group.

Though originally owned and operated by chef Joachim Splichal, the Michelin-starred Patina Group was acquired in 2014 by food service and concessions operator, Delaware North. Today, Delaware North relies on the brand to win business in markets that increasingly expect premium offerings.ⁱⁱⁱ Patina Group has closed restaurants, and its restaurants have experienced bug nights, sexual harassment, and labor issues.

Dior and Chef Crenn haven't put Patina front and center. How much do you know about Patina Group?

Patina Group Lost Legacy Contracts after Purchase by Delaware North

- Two years after Delaware North purchased Patina Group: "LA Weekly critic Beshia Rodell gave Patina [restaurant in Los Angeles] just two stars out of five, writing, 'People like to say that fine dining is dead, but in the case of restaurants like Patina, it feels less like a death and more like delusion and apathy.'" —LA Eater article in 2016^{iv}
- In 2019, NYC Rockefeller Center's landlord announced it wouldn't renew a lease on three Patina-operated restaurants one of which had been there since the mid-1980s.^v
- In July 2020, LA's Music Center Plaza announced it was not renewing a contract with Patina to operate its food and beverage. This had been Patina's flagship location, where its namesake restaurant won a Michelin Star in 2007.^{vi}

"Bug Night" and cockroaches inside four Patina restaurants in Florida

Servers, bartenders, and a cook documented cockroaches in kitchen or bar areas at four restaurants run by Patina in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, in 2025 in locations that included:

- **A cockroach on silverware in the clean cutlery drawer**
- **A cockroach inside a bottle that had been used to make cold brew coffee to serve to guests**
- **Cockroaches on pizza that was then disposed of**
- **A cockroach inside the ice bin**

Welcome to bug night: Workers reported that three restaurants held "bug nights" where staff assisted with killing bugs.^{vii}



Photo taken Aug. 2025 inside a Florida restaurant run by Patina Group