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## Carmine's Ready to Stuff DC Silly

Carb-phobes need not apply.  
Photo: Carmine's

Blockbuster doesn't even begin to describe **Carmine's**, the 700-seat Southern Italian slated to open in mid-August in the Penn Quarter, bigger in size even than its [NYC parent](#) (the sixth-highest grossing restaurant in the nation). Done up in retro '30s-era decor – think acres of polished cherry wood and 40 vintage chandeliers – its setting includes a massive bar and lounge equipped with WiFi (and phone chargers!) plus nine private dining rooms. The classic, family-style menu, offering appetizers, desserts and entrees portioned for two–four heavy eaters, should make it a bustling, value-oriented option for anything from a business lunch to a tourist respite to a party before or after an event at the Verizon Center (425 Seventh St. NW; 202-737-7770).

**Update:** Carmine's opened August 3.