New executive chef in place at The Farmhouse at Serenbe

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One of metro Atlanta’s original farm-to-table restaurants will have a new leader in the kitchen beginning tomorrow.

Brian Milz will serve as executive chef at The Farmhouse at Serenbe following a seven-year stint with Fifth Group Restaurants at Ecco and La Terza in Atlanta.

"[I] have found out about Serenbe, 'I'm in love,'" said Milz in a prepared statement. "I wanted to have enough land for a big city garden with the fresh product of produce to get to my hands in dirt. Serenbe offers that and more.

Serenbe Hospitality CEO Benton Blanchard said Milz — who earned his degree in nutritional sciences from Pennsylvania State University and graduated from Le Cordon Bleu with a certificate in culinary arts — was picked for the role after he prepared a meal using vegetables harvested from Serenbe Farms.

"The dishes he chose were based around fresh, picked from the farm, and he used so much of the produce in his dishes that only a fragment of a lump was left to compost," Blanchard said.

Blanchard said Milz will assist in working toward furthering the restaurant's composting initiatives and increasing the percentage of food made from local produce of Serenbe Farms and The Farmhouse kitchen garden by 40 percent. He also hopes to work with Milz to develop a menu where seasonal ingredients are the focus of the main dish.

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