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# Fratelli Paradiso co-owner to open Lola's L1 at Bondi Beach

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Marco Ambrosino will turn the former Panama House at Bondi Beach (pictured) into Lola's L1. Photo: Wolter Peeters

Any Sydney property agent or developer will tell you that landing the signature of one of the Fratelli Paradiso crew for a new restaurant is the holy grail, so the opening of Lola's L1 in July will be rarer than a steakhouse without wagyu.

Marco Ambrosino, co-owner of the Potts Point institution, admits he and his partners have fielded about 100 offers for new sites for Fratelli Paradiso spin-offs over the years, with the tiny [10 William Street](#) in Paddington being a rare example.

While he'll remain an active member of the Fratelli Paradiso band, Ambrosino will open Lola's L1 as a sideline act with Manny Spinola, the veteran restaurateur with a stable of Sydney venues including the Tea Room at QVB. The duo has nabbed the Bondi Beach site [where Panama House closed last year](#).

"It was time for me to do something different. Manny was a big reason [for pursuing the project]. I live in Bondi and love Bondi. There are a lot of good places already, but I want to do something there with a different feel," Ambrosino says. The Campbell Parade venue's ocean views were a bonus.

Lola's L1 will have a strong bar program and the food will lean heavily on the grill with a Mediterranean menu sweeping Portugal, Spain, Italy and a touch of Greece.

Spinola tells Good Food the pair has discussed the industry and venue ideas for years.

"Marco and I have really similar philosophies about hospitality and restaurants, and we both love Bondi."