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## **Tapas Valencia opens in South Loop**

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One-time Bloomingdale tapas restaurant **Tapas Valencia** (1530 S. State St.; 312-842-4444) has moved to the South Loop. Hossein Jamali, former business partner of Emilio Gervilla (Jamali still owns Meson Sabika, the Naperville tapas restaurant he opened with Gervilla many years ago) is behind this concept; Filemon Ochoa, who was executive chef at Bloomingdale and remains exec chef in Naperville, will have that title at the new Tapas Valencia. The menu is almost identical to what was once offered in Bloomingdale and still is offered in Naperville -- more than three dozen hot and cold tapas and a few entrees, among them four versions of paella.