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It's almost game time

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Mariners baseball star Ichiro Suzuki serves as a talisman for the \$2.5 million Sport restaurant and bar opening Jan. 18 in Fisher Plaza, across from Seattle Center.

Owner John Howie is backed by a stable of celebrity investors, including NBA star LeBron James, Sonics coach Nate McMillan and former Mariners pitcher Jeff Nelson.

Howie, who is also owner and executive chef of Seastar Restaurant and Raw Bar in Bellevue, said Sport will be a high-energy place.

The 5,400-square-foot space, designed by Weber + Thompson and built by Lease Crutcher Lewis, features more than 50 high-definition TVs, including a 17-inch screen in each booth that can be tuned into any game. A 130-inch screen is mounted behind the bar.

Fisher Plaza is home to KOMO TV and radio, which will broadcast sports events from the restaurant.



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