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ExpansionWire: Marcus Samuelsson in London, Four & Twenty Blackbirds, Meatball Shop

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Some big local names are growing and moving. Chef Marcus Samuelsson is bringing **Red Rooster** to London, reports *The Guardian*, making it the second location of his Harlem restaurant. He's opening it in a hotel in the fall and serving the same unique take on American soul food that the Swedish-raised chef has become known for stateside, including fried chicken, fried fish, and his grandmother's Swedish meatball recipe. But just as Red Rooster takes in the culture of Harlem, the new location's menu will be inspired by aspects of London as well. "Some of the dishes are going to be interpretations of east London," Samuelsson tells *The Guardian*, "of the dishes of the Jewish community that used to be there and of the Bangladeshi community that's there now. In London, the world is there." He's relocating to London in the fall, at least temporarily, for the opening.

Down in Brooklyn, popular pie shop **Four & Twenty Blackbirds** is growing its footprint, too. **The Gowanus bakery** wants to open a 25-seat cafe with grab-and-go service, beer, and wine in Prospect Heights, according to *DNAinfo*. The new location at 634 Dean St. is inside the headquarters for real estate company TerraCRG.

Finally, perennial expander **The Meatball Shop** is planting another location down this fall, this time in Hell's Kitchen, as *DNAinfo* reports. The new restaurant at 798 Ninth Ave, near West 53rd Street, will be the mini-chain's seventh location.