

Artisan milkshake bar The Yard coming to The Waterfront Vancouver

Eatery specializes in dazzling Instagram-worthy milkshakes with ingredients spilling from Mason jars

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The Salted Caramel Cheesecake and the Mint Green Monster are two of the "Freak Shakes" offered by The Yard, a milkshake bar coming to the Waterfront Vancouver this summer. (Courtesy of The Yard)

A new artisan milkshake bar is coming to The Waterfront Vancouver this summer.

The Yard, an Alabama-based milkshake company, offers customers a dazzling display of [Instagram-worthy milkshakes](#) with ingredients nearly spilling from Mason jars.

The 1,500-square-foot shop will be on the ground floor of The Murdock building, 656 Waterfront Way. It's set to open in June, expanding offerings at the Waterfront Vancouver as the first ice-cream shop.

[The Yard](#) has 11 locations in six states in the eastern U.S. but is expanding to Phoenix and Vancouver this year.

“We’ve been incredibly thoughtful in choosing where we expand our business,” said Chelsea Green, co-owner of The Yard Milkshake Bar, in a news release. “One of the many things that we loved about The Waterfront Vancouver is the communal outdoor space located right on the Columbia River. We can already picture families and guests stopping in for a milkshake, followed by a walk down to the pier.”

The milkshake bar will join the Waterfront Vancouver’s blooming atmosphere, which welcomed its first coffee shop, [Kafix Gastro Cafe, last week](#). Both of the locations are more geared toward families with children, as opposed to many of the restaurants and wineries at the Waterfront.

“Sunnier days are ahead and we’re incredibly excited to welcome The Yard as our premiere ice cream destination at The Waterfront,” said Barry Cain, president of Gramor Development in a statement. “Theirs is a story of entrepreneurship and it means a lot to us that they chose The Waterfront as their first West Coast location.”

The Yard has 25 flavors, 60 topping options and eight edible cookie doughs, according to the news release. The menu includes ice cream bowls, cones and specialty sundaes. Its “Freak Shakes” feature toppings made from waffles, doughnuts, cotton candy or brownies. The highly elaborate milkshakes start at around \$14 at its other locations. Gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan options are also available.

The company was [featured on ABC’s show “Shark Tank” in 2019](#), during which Mark Cuban offered to invest in the business.