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Mr. Chow's Michael Chow sues Miami Beach chef over name

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Michael Chow, founder of the famous chain of Chinese restaurants, is suing a Miami Beach chef for allegedly trying to trick diners into thinking he's the real Mr. Chow.

The federal suit in Miami accuses Philippe Chow, a former cook at the New York Mr. Chow, of changing his name from Chak Yam Chau in order to glom onto the Mr. Chow brand. Philippe's operates in the Hotel Gansevoort, a block from the Mr. Chow set to open in the W South Beach hotel later this month.

Stratis Morfogen, an owner at Philippe's, said he respects the Mr. Chow trademark but accuses the restaurant chain of trying to limit any Chow from promoting himself as a Chinese chef.