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YOUNES KABOUL MAKES HIS RETURN TO SPURS

French tea shop opens its doors

A FRENCH style Salon de The is opening its doors today (Thursday) with a feel of somewhere somewhat further afield.

Lanka will open at 71 Regent's Park Road serving green tea chocolate gateau, strawberry sponge cake, pear tarte tatin but with a touch of Japanese influence.

Japanese chef and founder, Masayuki Hara, has been cooking French cuisine for 20 years, and is enthusiastic about the Lanka opening.

"I'm delighted to open our first shop in this stylish and cosy street in the heart of Primrose Hill," he said.

His fashion journalist wife Mina Wakatski is also involved in the shop opening.

"I'm proud to be offering gourmet homemade cakes that are baked with great care and use fresh creams and ingredients, which is something true cake lovers will appreciate," he added.

Mr Hara founded Lanka Catering in 2006, focusing on French and modern British cuisine.

The chef had moved to London in the late 1980s having worked at the three-star Michelin restaurant La Gavroche, before moving to other prestigious Michelin restaurants.