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New door opens ... Shaun Presland outside the site of Sake Restaurant and Bar in The Rocks. Photo: Edwina Pickles

Bier baron sets his sights on a Sake adventure

Former **Sushi-e** and **Teppanyaki** chef **Shaun Presland** will front a new Japanese restaurant opening in mid-October at **The Rocks**.

Bavarian Bier Cafe owner **John Szangolies** is bankrolling **Sake Restaurant and Bar**. It's at the former site of **Reds**, the restaurant Szangolies shut in the days following

September 11. Presland says Sake will be a mixture of booths, a private dining room, a sushi bar and an area where diners are required to remove their shoes.

The project will include a funky fit-out from interior designer company **Luchetti Krelle**. "I'm about to head off to Japan to find the

next salmon belly, the next soft shell crab."

Presland says Szangolies has long harboured dreams of opening a Japanese restaurant, saying he has travelled to Japan about 15 times. "I've eaten Japanese for lunch about three or four days a week for the past three years," Szangolies says.