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FARE ENOUGH

A SATISFYING SELECTION OF AMERICA'S
FINEST NEW RESTAURANTS

By Pam Kragen

As San Diego's dynamic dining scene continues to sizzle, an ever-increasing smorgasbord of new eateries has been opening countywide, with dozens more on tap for fall and winter. Here's a slice of what's been cooking since July 1, plus a generous serving of what's to come.



COMING SOON

BAR BY RED DOOR, MISSION HILLS

The former Wellington Steak and Martini Lounge closed in June for a revamp and rebranding as an upscale cocktail bar that will feature locally sourced small plates, and cocktails featuring items from the adjacent Red Door's garden. The reopening is slated for late-September/early October.

729 W. Washington St., Mission Hills. barbyreddoorsd.com

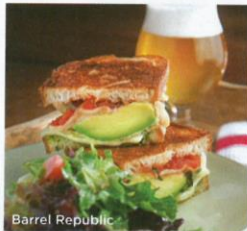
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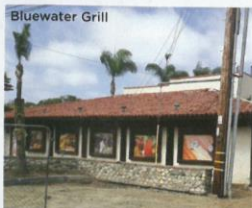
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Lionfish Modern Coastal Cuisine



KJ Chinese Kitchen



Bluewater Grill

GOOD TIME POKE & THE GRASS SKIRT, PACIFIC BEACH

Say aloha to SDCM's Hawaiian dual-concept restaurant/bar opening in October. By day, diners can stop into Good Time for grab-and-go poke dishes and rice bowls. Then at night, they can find the hidden door into The Grass Skirt, a speakeasy-style tiki bar inspired by Chicago's award-winning Lost Lake bar. It's the latest concept from the San Diego team behind Kettner Exchange, Firehouse and underground speakeasy wine bar Vin de Syrah. **910 Grand Ave., #101, Pacific Beach. sdcm.com**

BREAKFAST REPUBLIC, ENCINITAS & CARMEL VALLEY

Johan Engman (Rise & Shine Breakfast Group) will double the size of his year-old Breakfast Republic chain this fall with two new locations in North County. In November, the old Firefly restaurant at 251 N. El Camino Real in Encinitas will reopen as a Breakfast Republic, followed quickly by a location at The Village at Pacific Highlands Ranch. **6025 Village Way, breakfastrepublic.com**

BARREL REPUBLIC, CARLSBAD

Recently listed among *Draft* magazine's top 100 Beer Bars in America, Barrel Republic recently added food to its self-service bar outlets in P.B. and Oceanside. Now, it's expanding to a third location that will open in November in the former The Australian Grill location in Carlsbad Village. **2961 State St., Carlsbad. barrelrepublic.com**

LIONFISH MODERN COASTAL CUISINE, GASLAMP

Former Craft & Commerce chef "Jojo" Ruiz will helm the kitchen at this upscale, two-story dinner-house in the \$100 million Pendry San Diego hotel, set to open this fall in the Gaslamp. San Diego is the first market for Montage Hotels' Pendry luxury lodge line. Lionfish will offer an eclectic menu of small plates, local seafood, meat and regional cuisine. **550 J St., Gaslamp. pendryhotels.com/san-diego**

KJ CHINESE KITCHEN, VALLEY CENTER

Harrah's Resort Southern California will host the second location of this Las Vegas-born restaurant chain in the fall. KJ, which debuted at the Rio Resort, specializes in house-made dim sum, and fresh seafood and shellfish. **777 S. Resort Drive, Valley Center. harrahssocal.com**

BLUEWATER GRILL, CARLSBAD

The shuttered Fish House Vera Cruz in Carlsbad will reopen, likely in late October, as Bluewater Grill Seafood Restaurant, one in a small chain of fresh seafood eatery/fish markets owned by partners Richard Staunton and Jimmy Ulcickas. The 20-year-old building is being renovated to add a full-service bar, patio, upgraded fish counter and modern dining room. **417 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. bluewatergrill.com**

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