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The Best New Tables to Reserve Now for a Coachella Weekend

A NEW WAVE OF RESTAURANTS IS SILENCING longtime complaints about a lack of great food in the desert. Leading the openings was the debut of farm-fresh **Workshop Kitchen + Bar** (800 N. Palm Canyon Drive) a year and a half ago, boasting a chic industrial design. "They do a chicken for two brought out on a wood platter that's spectacular," says Roar Management's **Bernie Cahill**. Before dinner, stop into the year-old, indoor/outdoor **BAR** (340 N. Palm Canyon Drive), which Palm Springs International Film Festival director **Darryl Macdonald** recommends for its "retro craft cocktails, specialty beers and great music." It's opening an outdoor performance space in time for Coachella in mid-April.

Insiders, including Authentic manager **Gary Ventimiglia**, drive a few miles southeast to a strip mall in Cathedral City to enjoy plates like chervil- and charcoal-rubbed beef tenderloin at **Dish Creative Cuisine** (68525 Ramon Road).



Another entry is Med-themed **Catalan** in nearby Rancho Mirage (70026 Highway 111). Its chef-owner, **Drew Davis**, once was **Steven Spielberg's** private chef. The desert community of Indian Wells (where the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament runs through March 16) has welcomed the casual **Eureka!** (74985 Highway 111), a gastropub serving such inventive burgers as the flambéed vodka and the jalapeno egg.

Coming up: Exec chef **Chad Shaner**, who worked at NYC's **Gotham Bar and Grill**, and partner **Patrick Service**, former manager at **Danny Meyer's** Union Square Hospitality Group, soon are opening **Appetito** (1700 S. Camino Real) near the hip **Ace Hotel**. The classic Italian deli will serve such bites as crispy calamari and ricotta gnocchi with kale.

And in late March, celebrated local restaurateur **Joe Funkey** will debut **Smoke Tree Supper Club** (1775 E. Palm Canyon Drive), a saloon-inspired spot with a grill in a communal area. — J.J.

Hot New Spots for Modern Design Finds

The desert's most stylish home and style boutiques



Furnishings at Towne, meet: Trina Turk's Berkeley Sandal, \$248

FORMER FASHION EXEC AM expanded her vintage store, (106 S. Indian Canyon Drive), last year, adding a European water bar with specialty wares and a lounge area to accommodate of Pierre Cardin, Paco Rabanne and Andre Courmes. **Towne** (1345 N. Palm Canyon Drive) features furniture from the of **Billy Baldwin**, **John Ke Milo Baughman**, along with a selection of candles, book art. Clothing boutique **High Form** (668 N. Palm Canyon Drive) keeps it laid-back and lu with made-in-America tees and tailored sweatpants complementary California such as J Brand and Se. This season, **Trina Turk** boutique (891 N. Palm Canyon Drive) will offer the de activewear and shoe giving people all the m to pound the Palm Spr in style. — LESLEY MOR

Palm Springs' Hollywood Regulars Share Their Local Knowledge

WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK For breakfast, locals fight for tables at **Cheeky's** (622 N. Palm Canyon Drive), famed for its bacon fight. "If you can make friends with **Ron**, who runs the door, you can maybe have a shot of cut-throat than line," says **Slate P9's**

Canyon Drive), once **Cary Grant's** estate, and "their famous lemon and lavender pound cake." ... The Colony Palm Hotel's **Purple Palm** (572 N. Indian Canyon Drive) "feels like Palm Springs, with the restaurant right on the pool," says **Slate P9's**

fresco appetizer at the tequila bar at the Saguro Hotel's **El Jefe** (1800 E. Palm Canyon Drive).

WHAT TO DO Innovative Artists agent **Steve Muller** hikes the **Burns & ...**

is a favorite of Fusion Management's **Marc Schwartz** for its "collections by many European designers you cannot find elsewhere." ... **Denis Morella**, EP of Disney Jr.'s **Sheriff Callie's Wild West** stars by **Monst...**

The fire pit at The Parker.

