

SUMMER TRACKING

## The 10 Most-Anticipated Openings in Vegas This Summer

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Summer is sizzling up to be a hot time for new restaurants to open in Las Vegas. **Michael Mina, Rick Moonen, Tom Colicchio, Shawn McClain, Mario Batali** and **Joe Bastianich** all have new restaurants on the simmering horizon. **Red Rock Resort** gets a new barbecue joint, while Downtown gets not one but two pizza joints, one East Coast and one West Coast. Meanwhile, a massive Italian restaurant brings supersized portions to the Strip. Here's a look at what's coming up this summer in restaurant openings for summer 2013 in no particular order.

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### Kumi by Akira Back

**Location:** Mandalay Bay, 3950 Las Vegas Blvd. S.

**Opening:** July

Replacing the shuttered China Grill at Mandalay Bay, Akira Back of Yellowtail at the Bellagio will front Kumi, a modern Japanese with a Korean twist.

Expect to find a 10,000-square-foot restaurant with room for 300. A dramatic sushi bar made of glazed cobalt blue tiles in a scalloped pattern inspired by common Japanese homes creates the setting for the restaurant, with a rear rotunda replete with walls painted with giant interpretations of cherry blossom trees.

[All Coverage of Kumi \[-ELV~\]](#)

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