



The Las Vegas Restaurant Scene Is Heating Up

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Summer seems to be heating up more than just the asphalt in **Las Vegas**. Some of the biggest names in dining all have restaurant openings planned for the summer and fall seasons on the Strip. Think of names such as Michael Mina, Shawn McClain and Akira Back, plus, Forbes Travel Guide Tastemakers **Tom Colicchio** and **Rick Moonen**. Here's a look at the five of the most anticipated openings this summer along with two on the distant horizon from Mario Batali and Tastemaker **Joe Bastianich**, and Buddy Valastro.

Kumi

Coming to Mandalay Bay at the end of July, Akira Back of the Four-Star Bellagio's Yellowtail Japanese Restaurant & Lounge will open Kumi, a Japanese-inspired restaurant with a Korean twist. Here, Back will use some of his Korean background mixed with Japanese flair for menu items such as Kobe beef tacos and Jidori chicken, while sushi chef Toshiyuki Motoyama will bring Peruvian, Latin, Thai and other Asian influences to the sushi bar. Creative touches to the 10,000-square-foot space include a bar with traditional Japanese symmetrical patterns in shades of cobalt blue and white, as well as Japanese jewelry cases to showcase beverages. Also expect unique material touches of wound rope, salvaged wood counters and authentic kimono fabric.