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A look into this week's notable restaurant openings and news

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Every week, we take a look at restaurants that have opened across the country. Here's this week's roundup:

**MXDC:** In early summer, a new Mexican restaurant called **MXDC** will open in downtown Washington, DC, a venture in which celebrity chef Todd English is a partner. The menu will focus on small plates and family-style dishes that purport to put a fresh spin on modern Mexican cuisine, plus a bar with many of English's favorite tequilas. The atmosphere of the interior will be a balance between modern and rustic architecture.

**Kumi:** At Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, Chef Akira Back will preside over **Kumi**, set to open this summer. The restaurant, as led by the chef, will feature a modern Japanese menu with a Korean-American twist. To match, the restaurant's décor will be inspired by authentic Japanese architecture, with the venue, seating for up to 300 people, being anchored by a sushi bar.

**The Musket Room:** Based on the distinctive cuisine of New Zealand, **The Musket Room** opened recently in New York City's Nolita neighborhood. Chef Matt Lambert, a native of the Oceania nation, designed the restaurant's menu to reflect the various strains of New Zealand's culinary traditions. The interior features the front Musket Room and the back Barrel Room, two sections of the establishment that incorporate rustic and contemporary design elements.

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