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Modern Mexican restaurant set for Miami, speakeasy opens in Broward and NYC-founded cafe to expand in Palm Beach County (Photos)

20 openings: Voodoo Doughnut debuts in Wynwood, H&H Bagels expands to Pinecrest and Muse Paintbar launches in Palm Beach Gardens

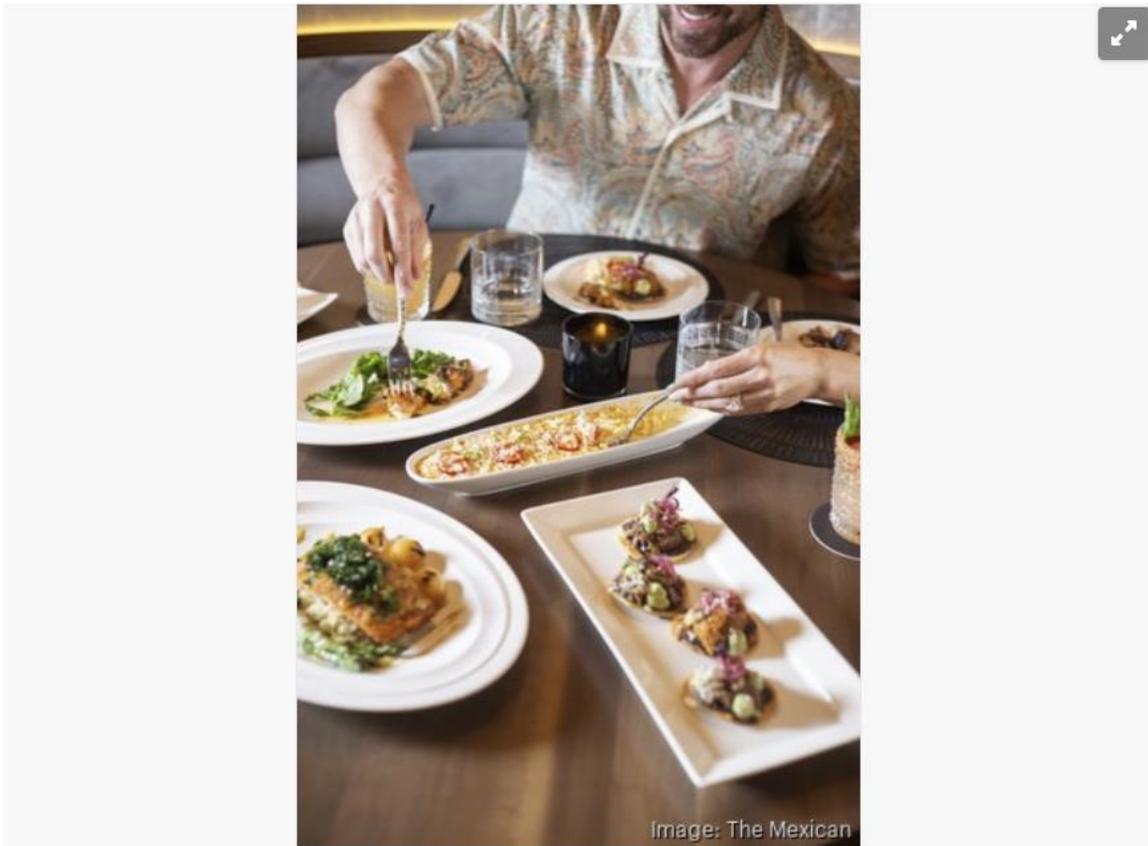


Image: The Mexican

A new waterfront Mexican restaurant is set to make waves in this Miami neighborhood.

THE MEXICAN

The Mexican, a contemporary Mexican restaurant from Dallas, will open a waterfront restaurant in April 2026 in Miami's Brickell Key neighborhood.

Set for 601 Brickell Key Drive, Suite 100, the more than 10,000-square-foot venue will accommodate more than 330 guests across indoor and outdoor dining areas.

The Miami location marks the second outpost for the concept and is owned by Monterrey businessman Roberto González Alcalá, president of Intelectiva Restaurant Group.

“The energy of Brickell Key, with its waterfront setting and international community, is the perfect home for our vision,” González Alcalá said in a statement. “Miami felt like a natural evolution. We’re not bringing just another Mexican restaurant, we’re bringing the soul, complexity, and genuine hospitality of Mexico to this new location.”

The restaurant will focus on Northern Mexican cuisine, with dishes such as barbacoa de arrachera and ribeye aguachile, alongside a margarita-driven cocktail program and other agave-based spirits. It will also feature a tequila gallery, private dining rooms and multiple bar areas overlooking Biscayne Bay.

Here are 19 other hospitality brands that have opened new locations and announced expansions, partnerships or rebrands across South Florida in recent weeks:

Huey Magoo’s



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Huey Magoo's Restaurants LLC

Huey Magoo’s opened a new location in North Miami at 13256 Biscayne Blvd. and will hold a grand opening celebration March 12. The 2,400-square-foot restaurant features indoor and outdoor dining and is operated by franchisees Frank Hennessey, Harry Dixon and Henry Dixon. Founded in 2004, Huey Magoo’s now operates 86 locations nationwide.

Yafa Signed Jewels



Image: Yafa Signed Jewels

Tyler and Maurice Moradof of Yafa Signed Jewels. The brand plans to open a boutique at Bal Harbour Shops.

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Yafa Signed Jewels will open a new boutique at Bal Harbour Shops in March 2026, marking the brand's third location. The more than 3,000-square-foot space will be located on the second floor of the shopping center in Bal Harbour. Founded more than 40 years ago by Yafa Moradof and her son Maurice, the family-run company also operates a flagship on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach and a private salon on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

H&H Bagels



Image: H&H Bagels

Stacked bagels
H&H Bagels

H&H Bagels will open its first Miami location Feb. 19 at 11311 S. Dixie Highway in Pinecrest. The franchise is owned by Dylan Levin and marks the brand's continued expansion in South Florida following recent openings in Boca Raton and West Palm Beach. Founded in 1972 in New York City, H&H Bagels operates seven locations in the city and additional franchise locations nationwide.

Voodoo Doughnut



Image: Courtesy Voodoo Doughnut

Voodoo Doughnut is set to open a shop in Wynwood.
Courtesy Voodoo Doughnut

Voodoo Doughnut will open its first Miami location Feb. 19 at 2401 NW Second Ave. in the Wynwood neighborhood. The Portland-based brand, founded in 2003, said the shop will mark its 26th U.S. location and will operate daily from 6 a.m. to 3 a.m.

Maman expands in Palm Beach County



Maman offers a variety of brunch items like toasts, salads and sandwiches.
Maman

Maman announced Feb. 11 plans to open three new cafés in Palm Beach County in the third quarter of 2026. The locations will be at 9959 Glades Road in West Boca, 5250 Town Center Circle in Central Boca and 40 S. Swinton Ave. in Delray Beach, totaling more than 8,500 square feet. Founded in 2014 by Benjamin Sormonte and Elisa Marshall, the French café and bakery brand operates more than 50 locations across North America.

TSA PreCheck Touchless ID at MIA



Miami International Airport
Jock Fistick

Transportation Security Administration announced Feb. 10 the availability of TSA PreCheck Touchless ID at Miami International Airport in concourses D, E and H. The biometric screening technology allows eligible TSA PreCheck members to verify their identity using facial comparison without presenting a physical ID or boarding pass at select checkpoints. The service is available to participating airlines at Checkpoints 1, 5 and 8.

Museum of Graffiti Studios

Museum of Graffiti will open Museum of Graffiti Studios at 299 NW 25th St. in Miami's Arts District, with a grand opening scheduled for Feb. 21 from 7 to 10 p.m. The new space, located adjacent to the museum, will house working artist studios, a gallery and an art supply store that will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cotidiano Wynwood

Cotidiano Wynwood will open Feb. 20 at 66 NW 22nd St, marking the first U.S. location for Mexico's Cotidiano Group. Founded by Rodrigo Hecht in Guadalajara, Mexico, the brand operates six locations overall, including the new Miami outpost. The Wynwood restaurant spans more than 14,000 square feet, including a 5,000-square-foot main dining room, a 6,000-square-foot atrium and a 3,500-square-foot outdoor space.

Jrk!



Image: Julian Cousins

Jrk!, a fast-casual Jamaican restaurant chain founded in Miami, is expanding in South Florida. Julian Cousins

Jrk! will open Feb. 17 at Dadeland Mall, 7535 N. Kendall Drive in Miami, marking the brand's fourth South Florida location. Founded in 2020, the fast-casual Jamaican concept is co-led by Chef Wayne Sharpe and previously opened at Aventura Mall, downtown Miami and Kaseya Center.

CVI.CHE 105 at Sawgrass Mills



Image: South Florida Business Journal

The Sawgrass Mills shopping mall in Sunrise.
Jock Fistick / South Florida Business Journal

CVI.CHE 105 opened Feb. 12 in Sunrise at Sawgrass Mills, marking its seventh South Florida location. The restaurant, located at 2610 Sawgrass Mills Circle, Suite 1429B, was founded by Peruvian chef Juan Chipoco and previously operated locations in downtown Miami, South Beach, Aventura, Coral Gables, Dadeland and Boca Raton.

Pura Vida at Boca Park Place



Image: Pura Vida

New location opening in Delray Beach Pura Vida

Pura Vida Miami announced Feb. 3 the opening of its Boca Park Place location in Boca Raton at 5570 N. Military Trail, Suite 402, marking its seventh outpost in Palm Beach County. The Miami-based all-day café was founded in 2012 by Omer and Jennifer Horev and now operates more than 45 locations across Florida, New York and California.

Timeluxe at Miami Worldcenter



Timeluxe has opened a luxury timepiece and fine jewelry boutique at Miami Worldcenter in downtown Miami.

Timeluxe

Timeluxe opened Feb. 3 at Miami Worldcenter, 150 NE Eighth St., Unit 151, in downtown Miami. The boutique specializes in luxury timepieces and fine jewelry, though the store's square footage and ownership were not disclosed in the announcement. Miami Worldcenter spans 27 acres across 10 city blocks and is being developed by Miami Worldcenter Associates in partnership with CIM Group.

Bar Betty Speakeasy & Lounge



Image: Sunness Supper Club

Bar Betty Speakeasy & Lounge has opened above Sunness Supper Club in Fort Lauderdale. Sunness Supper Club

Sunness Supper Club in Fort Lauderdale has opened Bar Betty Speakeasy & Lounge on its second floor at 2465 E. Sunrise Blvd. The lounge, owned by restaurateur Michael Stanley, debuts nearly two years after the restaurant opened in winter 2024 and operates Tuesday through Saturday beginning at 7 p.m. The space is accessible by an interior staircase and elevator from the main dining room.

Loco Taqueria & Oyster Bar



A sidewalk at the Nora District in West Palm Beach.
ASD Sky

Loco Taqueria & Oyster Bar has opened its first Florida location, Loco West Palm Beach, at 840 N. Railroad Ave. in the Nora District in West Palm Beach, marking the brand's third overall outpost and an expansion by owner Broadway Restaurant Group. The restaurant is initially offering dinner and happy hour service, with lunch and brunch to follow, and features indoor and outdoor dining areas, multiple bars and space for live music and events. The Nora District, developed by NDT Development, Place Projects and Wheelock Street Capital, includes more than 100,000 square feet of retail and 55,000 square feet of creative office space in its first phase.

BioHack Miami x HQ Residences Miami



The 35-story The HQ Residences Miami.
Arquitectonica

BioHack Miami, a Miami-based wellness events platform, announced Jan. 28 a partnership with HQ Residences Miami, a 229-unit condominium development in Miami's Edgewater neighborhood. HQ Residences Miami is being developed by Black Salmon, The Boschetti Group and Constellation Group in collaboration with HQ Hotels & Residences by sbe, with pricing starting at \$850,000. The project will host on-site activations at 422 NE 29th St. as part of the event collaboration during its sales period.

The Fresh Market



The Fresh Market has opened a new grocery store in South Miami.
The Fresh Market

The Fresh Market opened a new South Miami store Jan. 28 at 5850 SW 73rd St., marking its eighth location in Miami-Dade County and 172nd overall. The company, based in Greensboro, North Carolina, said the South Miami store is its first new opening of 2026. The retailer also donated \$2,000 to Feeding South Florida as part of the ribbon-cutting event.

Laurel Miami Beach



Image: Wyndham Hotels & Resorts

Balfour Miami Beach
Wyndham Hotels & Resorts

Balfour Miami Beach announced Jan. 22 it has rebranded its on-site restaurant, [formerly Cleo](#), as Laurel Miami Beach as part of the property's transition into The Registry Collection hotel portfolio. The restaurant is located within the hotel at 350 Ocean Drive in Miami Beach and continues to operate under Executive Chef Camila Olarte with a Mediterranean-influenced menu. Separately, the hotel announced Jan. 30 the appointment of Taylor Hart as general manager to oversee operations at the property.

Muse Paintbar



Muse Paintbar has opened a studio in Palm Beach Gardens as its first Florida location.
Muse Paintbar

Muse Paintbar opened Jan. 22 at 11701 Lake Victoria Gardens Ave., Unit 1111B, in Palm Beach Gardens, marking its first Florida location. The 2,836-square-foot studio features 86 individual painting stations, a full kitchen and bar, and space for public and private events. Founded in 2012, Muse Paintbar operates more than two dozen locations nationwide.

Air by Seaspice



Image: World Red Eye

Air by Seaspice has opened above Seaspice along the Miami River with a French-Asian tasting menu concept, which includes Koji Hokkaido Milk Bread with Isigny Sainte Mère Butter.
World Red Eye

Air by Seaspice opened Jan. 21 above Seaspice along the Miami River, introducing a French-Asian tasting menu concept led by Executive Chef Vinh Nguyen. The restaurant is located at 422 NW North River Drive and operates as an extension of Seaspice, though the ownership entity was not disclosed in the announcement. Air offers a nine-course tasting menu and a curated beverage program within an intimate dining space overlooking the river and downtown skyline.