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42 brand new restaurants to try in San Diego

As summer continues to sizzle, so, too, does the local dining scene. Here's a quick look at nearly 50 new eateries that have opened in San Diego in the past couple months or are coming soon to a neighborhood near you

OPENED IN JULY

Park 101, Carlsbad

This two-story, multi-venue plaza-style establishment in Carlsbad Village offers four dining venues. The second-story Tamarack View Deck serves barbecue by pitmaster Ryan Tuscan with 32 beers on tap. On the ground floor are three casual options selling fresh juices, sandwiches, coffee drinks, ice cream and fresh doughnuts. 3040 Carlsbad Blvd., Carlsbad. park101carlsbad.com

AUGUST OPENINGS

Himitsu, La Jolla

From the owners of The Taco Stand and restaurateur Edo Kobayashi, who owns several Japanese restaurants in Mexico City, Himitsu opened in late August in La Jolla. The Japanese eatery offers sushi, nigiri and chef-inspired small plates designed by chef Mitsu Aihara, formerly of P.B.'s Sushi Ota. 1030 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. (619) 379-9611.

Nick & G's, [Rancho Santa Fe](#)

Grand Restaurant Group opened this Mediterranean/Italian restaurant in the former Ponsaty's space in mid-August. Chef Brian Freerksen's menu features flatbreads, housemade pastas, steak, pork and seafood dishes. 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe. (858) 771-8871 or nickandgs.com

The Smoking Gun, Gaslamp Quarter

This large-scale neighborhood cocktail bar and smoked-meats eatery, which opened in early August, features a small-plates menu by chef Kevin Templeton (barleymash) and a cocktail program by Eric Johnson. The vibe is casual and the menu includes smoked brisket, pork shoulder and fried catfish. It shares space with Spill the Beans coffeehouse (see below). 555 Market St., downtown. thesmokinggunsd.com

Spill the Beans, Gaslamp Quarter

Sharing an 8,600-square-foot space with The Smoking Gun, Spill the Beans offers a morning alternative, serving fresh-baked bagels, house-whipped cream cheeses and a coffee bar featuring locally roasted Dark Horse Coffee. 555 Market St., downtown.spillthebeanssd.com

OPENING IN SEPTEMBER

Breakfast Republic, Carmel Valley

Breakfast Republic is known for its quirky breakfast items like cinnamon roll pancakes. Swedish-born restaurateur Johan Engman, of San Diego-based Rise & Shine Restaurant Group, will open the sixth location of this fast-growing San Diego-based chain this month in Carmel Valley's Pacific Highlands Ranch shopping center. 6025 Village Way, Suite F101, Carmel Valley. breakfastrepublic.com

Curbside Eatery & Drinkery, La Mesa

Another new addition to downtown La Mesa's fast-growing culinary district, this restaurant/bar opening this month will serve cocktails and elevated bar food in a restaurant with an open-air wraparound patio for prime people-watching. 8353 La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa. facebook.com/CurbsideEateryDrinkery

Nautilus Tavern, La Jolla

Leigh Gibson and Mike Garcia, owners of Pillbox Tavern in Solana Beach, will introduce this new bar-and-grill eatery in La Jolla this month. Nautilus has two patios and a coastal-chic décor. The menu is billed as coastal American cuisine, and the bar serves 30 craft beers and cocktails. 6830 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla. facebook.com/nautilustavern

The Taco Stand, North Park

With locations now open in Encinitas, La Jolla and downtown, The Taco Stand will open a fourth restaurant in North Park this month. Like its sister eateries, the new spot will serve Mexican street fare with Tijuana-inspired décor. 3000 Upas St., North Park. letstaco.com