

New Restaurant Showdown: It's time to vote for Miami's favorite new place to eat

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We asked for your favorite new restaurants in and around Miami, and you responded. Then we presented you with the top 16 restaurants from our call out. The list included a range of venues from a new Wynwood brewery to a membership-only sushi bar in the Design District to a sexy fish spot in Brickell.

After a week of voting, we have narrowed our list of Miami's favorite new restaurants from 16 to the elite eight. The big winner this week is chef Giorgio Ropicavoli's Luca Osteria, an Italian spot on Giralda Plaza, which got the top spot by an overwhelming majority.

Other chef driven restaurants made the cut including Chef Adrienne's Forte, one of three spots the locally beloved chef opened during the pandemic, and Chef Pablo Zitzman's James Beard nominated Zitz Sum. Clubstaraunt guru David Grutman's new spot in CocoWalk, The Key Club, made the top eight. Also still in the running: Cèrto Risto & Pizza, Dogfish Head Brewery, Abbale Telavivan Kitchen, and Izzy's Brooklyn Smokehouse.

Gone are Wynwood Greek spot Doya, which had a groundswell of support during the write-in phase of the poll, plus La Natural, which Esquire named one of the best new restaurants in the country in 2021. Well, Esquire isn't Miami. Also off the list: Offsite, Old Greg's Pizza, Sadelle's, Sexy Fish, Tropezon and ZZ's Sushi Bar. Now it's time to vote again. Here we present the top eight restaurants from your list of favorite spots to open in Miami in 2021-2022.

This poll is completely unscientific. The stakes are low and you can vote for your favorite as many times as you want. We will update the poll weekly until we are down to the final two to see which restaurant reigns as a future Miami institution (until they can't afford rent anymore).

HERE ARE THE CONTENDERS:

The Key Club: The latest restaurant from Miami nightlife king David Grutman is this high-end steak and seafood spot — or should we say “clubstaurant” — in Coconut Grove at the renovated CocoWalk.

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