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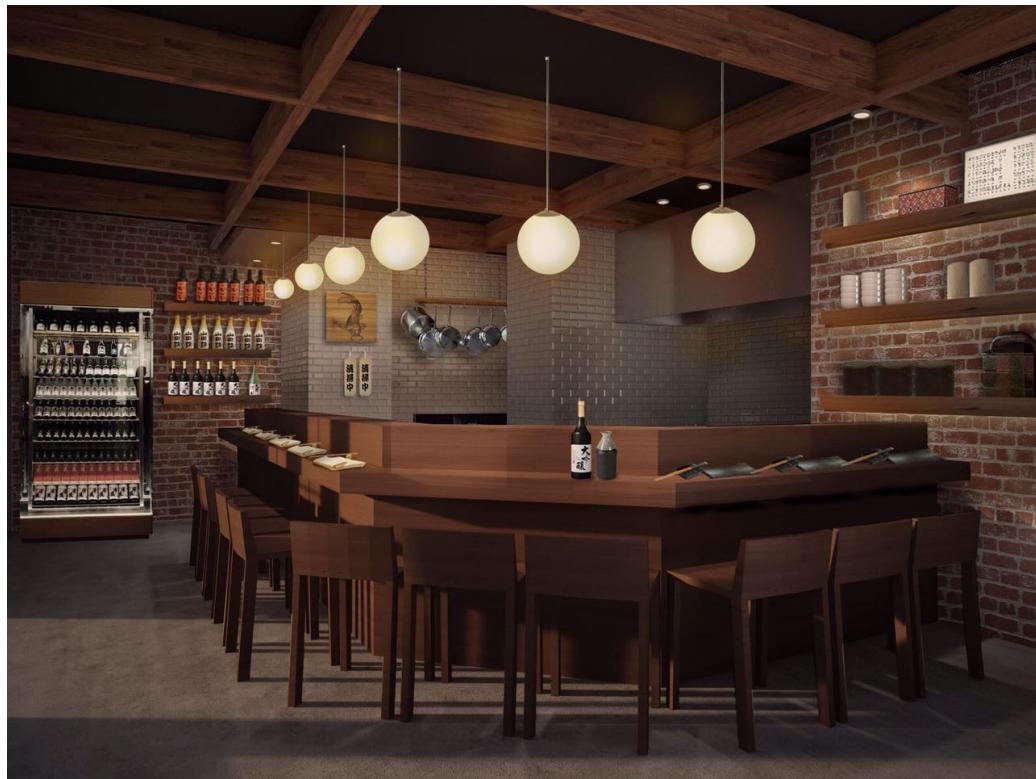
KNOW FARE: SO MANY NEW RESTAURANTS, SO HARD TO PICK A FAVE

As summer continues to sizzle, so, too, does the local dining scene. Here's a quick look at 50-plus new eateries that have opened in San Diego in the past couple months or are coming soon to a neighborhood nearby. Who knew there could be so much new?

HIMITSU, LA JOLLA

From the owners of The Taco Stand and their partnership with restaurateur Edo Kobayashi, who owns several Japanese restaurants in Mexico City, Himitsu (set to open in July) at a revamped location in La Jolla. The Japanese eatery offers sushi, nigiri and chef-inspired small plates designed by chef Mitsu Aihara, who boasts 16 years of experience with Pacific Beach's famed Sushi Ota.

1030 Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla, 619.379.9611

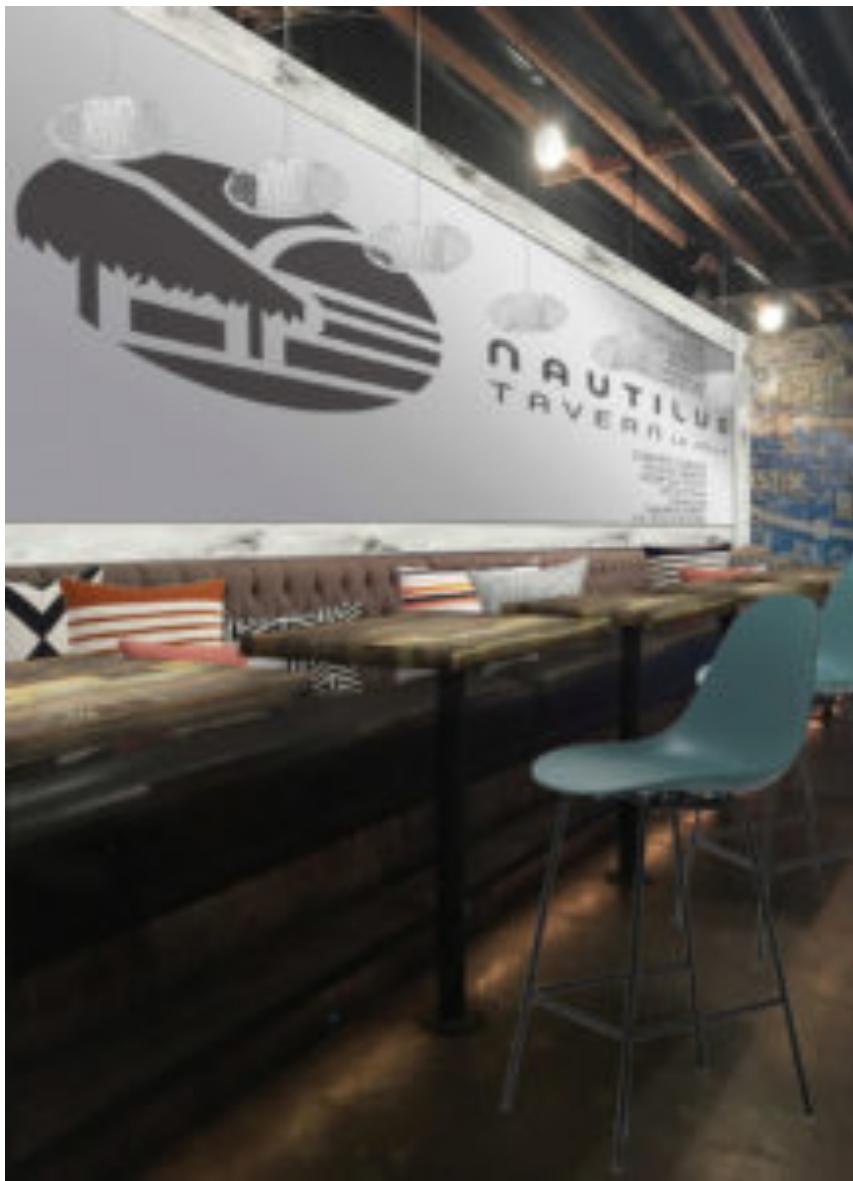


Himitsu. (Courtesy photo)

NAUTILUS TAVERN, LA JOLLA

Leigh Gibson and Mike Garcia, owners of Pillbox Tavern in Solana Beach, have introduced this new bar-and-grill eatery in La Jolla (opening set for July). 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](https://www.facebook.com/nautilustavern)



Nautilus Tavern. (Courtesy photo)

PARK 101, CARLSBAD

This two-story, multi-venue plaza-style establishment in Carlsbad Village offers four different dining venues and officially opened July 4. The second-story Tamarack View Deck serves barbecue by pitmaster Ryan Tuscan and offers 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



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 in August (slightly later than previously reported) in Carmel Valley's Pacific Highlands Ranch shopping center.

6025 Village Way, Ste. F101, Carmel Valley, breakfastrepublic.com



Breakfast Republic. (Courtesy photo)

SPILL THE BEANS, GASLAMP

Sharing an 8,600-square-foot space with The Smoking Gun (see previous entry), Spill the Beans offers an a.m. 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



Spill the Beans. (Courtesy photo)

THE SMOKING GUN, GASLAMP QUARTER

This large-scale neighborhood cocktail bar and smoked-meats eatery 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.

555 Market St., downtown, thesmokinggund.com



The Smoking Gun. (Courtesy photo)

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 in August. Like its sister eateries, the new spot will serve Mexican street fare with Tijuana-inspired décor.

3000 Upas St., North Park, letstaco.com



The Taco Stand. (Courtesy photo)

OPENING IN SEPTEMBER

CURBSIDE EATERY & DRINKERY, LA MESA

Another new addition to downtown La Mesa's fast-growing culinary district, this restaurant/bar 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](https://www.facebook.com/CurbSideEateryDrinkery)



Curbside Eatery and Drinkery. (Courtesy photo)

NORTH PARK BREAKFAST COMPANY, NORTH PARK

Originally slated for a March opening, this new concept from Rise & Shine Restaurant Group (Fig Tree Café, Breakfast Republic) will focus on honing healthier breakfast items to meet the needs of health-conscious brunchers. North Park Breakfast Company's menu options will include quinoa blueberry pancakes, guava-infused pancakes and stuffed potato breakfast bakes.

3131 University Ave, North Park, breakfast-company.com



PIZZA REPUBLIC, NORTH PARK

Rise & Shine Restaurant Group does more than just breakfast. Restaurateur Johan Engman is branching out, reaching into the dinner hour with an Italian-style, artisan-wood-fired-pizza concept this fall.

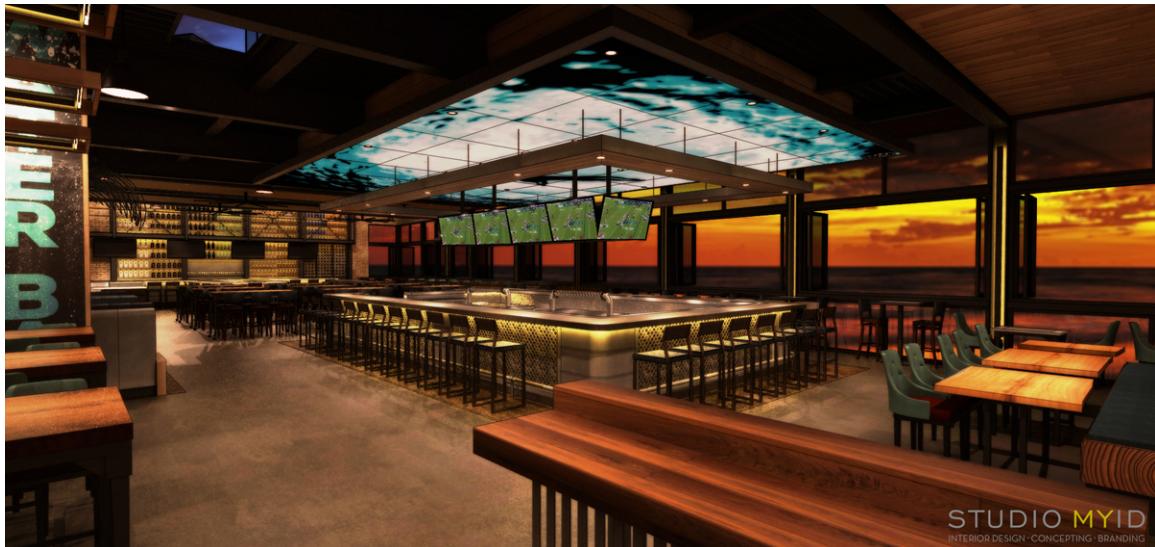
2726 University Ave., North Park, pizzarepublicca.com



WATERBAR, PACIFIC BEACH

The much-anticipated oceanfront project is looking to open in the August-to-October range. Built on the site of the long-shuttered Joe's Crab Shack on the Pacific Beach boardwalk near Crystal Pier, the restaurant will offer a social seafood menu with Baja influences. The entire west wall of the restaurant will be glass, providing an unobstructed ocean view.

4325 Ocean Blvd., Pacific Beach, waterbarsd.com



Waterbar. (Courtesy photo)

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