

WHAT'S NEW



in Greater
Fort Lauderdale



NEW ON THE HOTEL SCENE

Tru by Hilton and Home2Suites by Hilton Pompano Beach Pier

opened a 150-room hotel in June 2021. The dual-branded hotel features a fitness area, a saline pool and a rooftop deck featuring spectacular 360 degree views of the Atlantic Ocean, Pompano Beach Fishing Pier, the Hillsboro Lighthouse, the Intracoastal Waterway and all the action below in Pompano Beach Fishing Village. The property also offers 3,500 square feet of meeting space.

Kimpton Goodland Hotel Fort Lauderdale Beach opened in April 2021 at the location of the former and historic Escape Hotel. Offering a secluded, tropical oasis, the Kimpton Goodland Hotel is home to Botanic, a restaurant serving up bold, healthful and eclectic flavors that feature local ingredients and Latin and Caribbean influences. The adjacent, poolside Good Bar and lounge is set amongst lush landscaping and features a concise menu of shareable plates and lighter fare. This relaxed scene offers a beverage menu featuring gin and tonics, inventive frozen drinks and patio-perfect white and rosé wines.

AC Hotel Fort Lauderdale Sawgrass Mills/Sunrise opened in March 2021 and is located adjacent to Sawgrass Mills mall and steps away from the BB&T Center. The eight-story hotel is the first new hotel opening in Sunrise, FL, in the past 15 years. The European style-designed hotel features 174 stylishly sleek guest rooms, a lavish onsite lounge, and a lustrous rooftop bar called Horizon Bar and Lounge, which can accommodate up to 300 guests for a reception. The hotel is equipped with 1,940 square feet of indoor space, including a meeting room with floor-to-ceiling windows and an adjacent outdoor terrace. The hotel specializes in European-style breakfasts, Spanish-style tapas, local craft beer and specialty cocktails.

Courtyard Fort Lauderdale Downtown opened in March 2021, bringing 137 rooms in to the trendy, arts-oriented Flagler Village section of downtown Fort Lauderdale. Features include a state-of-the-art lobby, two meetings rooms with a total of 2,300 square feet of flexible meeting space. The hotel also features **The Easton**, a rooftop venue with a pool.

NEW TRANSPORTATION

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Seabreeze

Tram now offers beachgoers convenient, free transportation between the Las Olas Parking Garage and the Las Olas Oceanside Park. The scenic, one-mile Seabreeze loop will make for an exciting and fun day at the beach for residents and visitors alike.

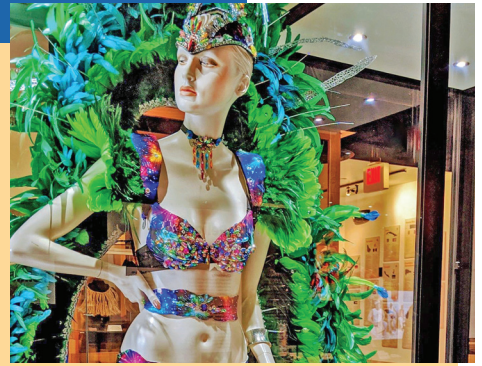
NEW ATTRACTIONS

Young At Art Museum has opened its first YAA NOW Gallery location at Westfield Broward Mall in Plantation. The gallery is currently exhibiting site-specific interactive art displays commissioned by acclaimed South Florida-based artists, selected works from Young At Art Museum's permanent exhibitions, art on view from Miami Art Society and the annual showcase of the Broward Scholastic Art & Writing award-winners for 2021. The interactive exhibition spaces will host a variety of exciting activities and learning through play opportunities.

NEW ATTRACTIONS

NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale presents a major retrospective exhibition of fashion designer Anna Sui through October 3, 2021. With over 100 looks, *The World of Anna Sui* explores the glamorous and eclectic world of one of New York's most beloved and accomplished designers and invites viewers to step inside Sui's imagination to discover her creative process and the diverse influences that contribute to her signature aesthetic sensibility. *The World of Anna Sui* is organized by the Fashion and Textile Museum, London and is curated by Dennis Nothdruff.

Island SPACE Caribbean Museum, the first Caribbean heritage museum in the United States, is now open at the Westfield Mall in Plantation. The exhibition and event venue features a collection of artifacts, iconic and cultural relics and historical data representing South Florida's Caribbean communities.



NEW ON THE DINING SCENE

901, a guest room converted into a secret speakeasy at the Hyatt Centric Las Olas Fort Lauderdale, offers private bookings for up to eight guests and is open Thursday - Sunday with two-hour seatings at 5:00, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m. The reservations-only spot features a swanky ambiance that transports guests to the roaring 1920s. Cocktails with names like 'Late Check Out' and 'Center of Attention' are complemented by a select menu of gourmet dishes by award-winning Chef Greg McGowan. 901 also features a bartender-in-residence program where it invites standout mixologists from across the country to host pop-up activations and bring their signature cocktails to the space.

Sushi Garage on Las Olas is a Japanese and traditional sushi restaurant. The 6,000-square-foot restaurant offers 250 seats indoors and 92 seats outdoors. Drawing on inspiration from Asian flavors, the bar program at Sushi Garage is unique and flavorful while complementing the cuisine. Happy hour is available every day from 5 to 8 p.m.

Eddie V's is now open on Las Olas Boulevard. The fine-dining restaurant serves prime seafood and steak, handcrafted cocktails and live jazz in the V Lounge.

Fat Tap Beer Bar, in Oakland Park, houses a craft-beer taproom and kitchen, and a 2,000-square-foot beer garden behind the warehouses connects to Fat Tap's brewhouse.

Tulio's Tacos & Tequila Bar has opened in the heart of Wilton Manors. The vibrant, Mexican-style bar and restaurant features ceviche, chicken lettuce wraps, salads, bowls, burritos, burgers, and a variety of tacos such as lobster, cauliflower, mushroom, pork, steak, shrimp and grouper. Brunch fare includes lemon ricotta pancakes, crab tostada, breakfast burritos and more.



Salt7 restaurant opened at the Icon Las Olas. The restaurant also includes a 2,200-square-foot mezzanine with a VIP area and DJ booth.

Los Bocados, helmed by chefs Robby Bushman and Anthony Hoff, has moved from inside a convenience store to its first brick-and-mortar store in Parkland. The menu, inspired by authentic Mexican street food, is complemented by an extensive house-crafted tangy sauce and savory crema. Options include build-your-own tacos, burritos, quesadillas, tortas, and salad or rice bowls. The restaurant was featured in Food Network's "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" at its previous location.

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Den Bar and Kitchen, a new gastropub in Fort Lauderdale, has opened in the downtown Himmarshee Village in Fort Lauderdale and features burgers, chicken wings and other American pub grub.

Hamburger Mary's is now open on Wilton Manors Drive in Wilton Manors. In addition to 17 gourmet burgers, build-your-own burgers, appetizers, non-burger entrees, beer, wine, champagne, and a fun cocktail menu, the restaurant features a 21-and-older nightly drag bingo, drag queen revues and Sunday drag brunch.

Pink Donuts & More, located in Oakland Park, offers donuts in 67 flavors, an assortment of Argentinian empanadas, croissants and other baked goods. The variety of donuts include vegan treats, sandwiches and even donuts that come with small dispensers ready to inject Malibu Rum, Baileys Irish Cream or Kahlua.

Vish, an "urban hummus bar" and kosher restaurant in Hollywood, serves up hot hummus dishes with a variety of tasty toppings, alongside fresh Yemen pita bread. Vish grinds fresh hot chickpeas in front of you in the open kitchen. The restaurant also features plant-based shakes.

OPENING SOON

No Man's Land - a refuge from the ordinary - will open in summer 2021. Brainchild of hospitality powerhouse Memphis Garrett of Garrett Hospitality Group and star of CBS's Big Brother All Stars, the elevated, but never pretentious, vibey cocktail parlor and lounge will feature classic and craft cocktails and an array of small plates. Guests can expect the same meticulous execution that Garrett Hospitality is known for, served up in a sultry space with jewel tones, plush seating, dark woods and ambient lighting. Dishes will perfectly complement the boozy libations and will include items such as deviled eggs with caviar, beef carpaccio and an array of unique dips, spreads and creative crudos.

The NOW Massage brings its popular LA massage concept to the arts-centric Flagler Village neighborhood in July 2021 when it opens its first South Florida location. The NOW Massage boutique reimagines the neighborhood spa with a clean, modern design and a focus on quality massages to facilitate relaxation and healing.

The Abbey, part restaurant and part nightlife/entertainment venue, opens in summer 2021 inside a transformed church in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Upon completion, The Abbey will feature a 220-seat, full-service restaurant with indoor and outdoor dining and an event space.

Hillsboro Beach Resort, a 99-room property on exclusive Hillsboro Mile, opens in May 2021. Highlights include Intracoastal dockage with watersports, serene private beach, resort pool and the freshest creations at the oceanfront restaurant ROI.

The Bite Eatery, the first food hall in Pompano Beach, opens in fall 2021 just a few blocks away from the beach and the Pompano Fishing Pier. The 250-seat venue will feature The Beach Bar, a central full-liquor bar, plus nine food vendors, including Jupiter Donuts, Casareccio Trattoria (Italian), Senbazuru (Japanese-Spanish fusion), Moop (sweets shop serving gelato, waffles and crepes), I Heart Mac & Cheese, Ceviche Time (Peruvian), The Lobstar (seafood), La Chancla (Mexican) and a New York-style deli.

ON THE HORIZON

The historic **Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center and International Swimming Hall of Fame** complex, home to Florida's first Olympic-sized swimming pool that opened in 1926, is undergoing a \$46 million renovation and expansion that includes five swimming pools and support amenities that will welcome new generations of aquatic sport enthusiasts to sporting activities and competitions. A major highlight for the new venue is a 27-meter dive tower with springboards and nine platform levels. Visitors will be able to experience "Top of the Tower" tours with scenic views of the Intracoastal Waterway and Fort Lauderdale beach. Pools are projected to open in fall 2021 with expanded operations and meetings facilities opening in early 2022.

AC Hotels by Marriott Fort Lauderdale Beach opens in June 2021 with 171 rooms. Features include ocean views, an open kitchen for specialty culinary events, a library, an expansive resort-style pool with cabanas and 1,000 square feet of meeting space.

A new 23-story **Four Seasons** is anticipated to open in December 2021 with 130 guest rooms and 90 residences, two restaurants, a spa, fitness center, children's recreation room, "Beach Butlers" and ballroom and meeting facilities.

The Florida Panthers organization's revitalization of the **War Memorial Auditorium** and construction of a new state-of-the-art practice and community ice facility in Fort Lauderdale is fully underway and slated for a summer 2022 debut.

The highly anticipated expansion of the **Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center** is underway, including 350,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit space opening fall 2021.



LAUDER Deals

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