# WHAT'S NEWS



## **NEW DINING**

**Baoshi**, an innovative Asian food hall in Pembroke Pines, redefines suburban dining. Featuring five diverse food vendors under one roof, including Boba Street Cafe and Poke OG, it's a haven for foodies seeking variety and quality in every bite. Indulge in dim sum, Korean fried chicken, boba tea, bubble waffles and more.

**Smith & Webster** in Coral Springs creatively blends soulful African diaspora cuisine with French cooking techniques. This innovative eatery boasts an energetic atmosphere and an extensive craft bar emphasizing seasonal produce, premier wines, and spirits.

**Livello**, a newly opened Coral Springs gem, offers an elevated dining experience crafted by Chef Bruno. Drawing inspiration from Rio De Janeiro's vibrant streets and his Italian heritage, Chef Bruno infuses classic Italian flavors into his dishes, creating an unforgettable culinary journey.

MAASS, debuting at Four Seasons Hotel and Residences Fort Lauderdale, presents Michelin-starred Chef Ryan Ratino's wood-fired restaurant. Fusing European and Japanese techniques and ingredients, MAASS promises a refined dining experience amidst stunning ocean views.

**Vitolo**, nestled within Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach hotel, is a new family-owned dining haven curated by Chef Anthony Vitolo and hospitality visionary Rob Crosoli. Embracing oldschool Italian vibes, this destination spotlights classic New York Italian cuisine and culinary customs. Val+tino, a contemporary Italian restaurant led by Executive Chef Giovanni Rocchio and Chef de Cuisine Jake Abbott, has returned triumphantly to Fort Lauderdale's dynamic culinary scene. Val+tino stands proudly at its original location (formerly Valentino Cucina Italia) just south of the New River, where it pays homage to the rich tapestry of Italian and Mediterranean flavors.

**Grandma's Secret**, in Dania Beach, is Greater Fort Lauderdale's new exclusive Uzbekistan restaurant, earning rave reviews. With an eclectic blend of Middle Eastern and Central Asian cuisines, owner Bakhtiyor Ostonov presents traditional flavors fused with dishes from Kazakhstan, Armenia, Turkey, and northwestern China's Xinjiang.

Marina Village by Bahia Mar will be an exciting addition to Fort Lauderdale's waterfront dining scene, offering a fresh take on culinary and entertainment experiences. Opening in 2024, the expansive 35,000-square-foot promenade hosts 10 diverse food and drink kiosks, a stationary ferry, and live music beneath enchanting pavilions.



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## **NEW HOTELS**

Conveniently located just 3.5 miles from FLL and 1.5 miles from Port Everglades cruise terminals, the new **Aloft Hotels**® by Marriott offers 138 rooms across 14 floors. Guests can enjoy various amenities, including a fitness center and a serene yoga terrace.

Situated across from the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood, the **Dolce by Wyndham Hotel** is a unique kosher boutique hotel offering 100 rooms. Tailored with amenities like a kosher rooftop restaurant and bar, Shabbat elevator, and stateof-the-art meeting spaces, it's an excellent choice for leisure and business travelers.

The Whitfield, a luxurious boutique hotel, is set to open its doors in winter 2025. Nestled on the iconic Las Olas Boulevard, it boasts 138 exquisite rooms and promises to redefine the art of hospitality in Fort Lauderdale. Stay for an unparalleled stay that marries elegance with modern comfort.



## **NEW TRANSPORTATION & ACCESSIBILITY**

Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center is the first convention center in North America to adopt the **Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program**. This initiative supports individuals with non-visible disabilities, providing them with discreet tools like lanyards, pins, and wristbands..

JetBlue Airways is all set to construct its new terminal at FLL. The upgrade will include new passenger gates, retail and dining spaces, and more, and will manage 250 daily trips by 2027.

**Porter Airlines** has broadened its Florida services from Eastern Canada, introducing flights from Toronto, Pevarson, and Ottawa. Passengers can also access roundtrip flights to Fort Lauderdale from Western Canadian destinations, including Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver.

# UPCOMING ANNUAL EVENTS

Florida Renaissance Festival February 3 - March 24, 2024 (weekends only)

> Pride Fort Lauderdale February 9 - 11, 2024

> > Afro-Carib Fest February 17, 2024

Tortuga Music Festival April 5 - 7, 2024

Las Olas Wine & Food Festival April 19, 2024

Fort Lauderdale Air Show May 11 - 12, 2024



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