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From crisis comes cuisine: Palm Beach County's rise as a foodie hotspot

In the wake of the pandemic of 2020, Palm Beach County experienced a significant shift in the local dining landscape. Many top chefs and renowned restaurants chose to relocate with their patrons to the sunny South Florida.

This week, Kyma – an acclaimed New York restaurant serving Greek cuisine – announced its first location opening outside of New York at the Banyan & Olive office complex in downtown West Palm Beach. Harry's, a Wall Street staple, opened last year at the 360 Rosemary office tower.

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From Palm Beach Gardens to Boca Raton, there are many more examples. Hillstone Restaurant Group brought Honor Bar from Beverly Hills. Celebrity chef Jeremy Ford introduced the Butcher's Club to the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens. New York's Major Food Group opened the Flamingo Grill in Boca Raton. Restaurateur Jose Andres, the acclaimed Spanish chef and humanitarian, is bringing a restaurant to the planned Olara condominium in West Palm Beach.

Palm Beach will debut the island's first Intracoastal waterfront dining with the Hamptons' famed Tutto Mare at the redesigned Royal Poinciana Playhouse.

Palm Beach Food & Wine Festival expanding

The 16th annual Palm Beach Food & Wine Festival added seven new events in 2023 and expanded its footprint into Boca Raton. The Festival's Grand Tasting closing event featured more than 60 wine selections with a prestigious 90+ rating by Wine Spectator, a significant growth from the 2022 event.

Wealth migration to Palm Beach attracting new restaurants

West Palm Beach has ascended to the fourth rank globally as a preferred destination for the ultrawealthy, according to a Henley & Partners report. This wealth migration is impacting all facets of the community, including fine dining.



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