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The HOT List

Summer menus lure the locals out with inventive dishes and cool cocktails to beat the rising temperatures. As crowds thin, dress codes relax and no reservations are required—it's really the "in" season. Here are some of our go-to summer stops. —*Carolina Buia*

destination of unique yet approachable contemporary American dining from the hands of executive chef Tom Whitaker. The beautifully redesigned dining room pays homage to its iconic Palm Beach location with yellow and green hues, serving as the perfect backdrop for breakfast, lunch and dinner alfresco daily.

And, music lovers, not to worry—the live music tradition from the former Royal Room carries on in this space with nightly performances from jazz greats, including Copeland Davis. *155 Hammon Ave., 561.655.5430, thecolonypalmbeach.com \$\$*

Echo An upscale Asian restaurant two blocks from the beach, Echo serves colorful cocktails and scrumptious sushi in a vibey space. Being owned and operated by The Breakers guarantees friendly service and a lively crowd. *230 Sunrise Ave., 855.435.0061, thebreakers.com/dining/echo \$\$\$*

Flagler Steakhouse Just down the road from its resort home, the chophouse boasts the finest selections of USDA prime cuts. The spacious restaurant interior has handsome wood finishings mixed with colorful contemporary art and comfortable terrace dining with gorgeous views of The Breaker's golf course. *2 S. County Road, 855.435.2053, thebreakers.com/dining/flagler-steakhouse \$\$\$\$*

HMF The newly remodeled HMF, named for the resort's iconic founder, features

tasty small plates, a lively atmosphere and fresh cocktails using herbs plucked right from the outdoor garden. Try its fragrant take on the classic G&T; sit back; and enjoy the best people-watching on the island. *The Breakers, 1 S. County Road, 888.727.1649, thebreakers.com/dining/hmf \$\$\$*

Honor Bar **N** New to The Royal Poinciana Plaza, the Honor Bar at Palm Beach Grill offers small plates, sandwiches, cocktails, and wine and beer in a warm atmosphere sure to become a Palm Beach staple. *340 Royal Poinciana Way, Ste. 336, The Royal: 561.440.5438, honorbar.com \$\$\$*

Imoto **+** **🔥** Next door to its big sister, Buccan, Imoto features chef Clay Conley's inventive take on Japanese and Asian cuisine in a chic, minimalist interior. Try the seared yellowtail nigiri, tuna foie sliders, or Peking duck tacos. There's even a sushi happy hour for those in the know. *350 S. County Road, 561.833.5522, imotopalmbeach.com \$\$\$*

Leopard Lounge This is a long-established high-end eclectic abode in The Chesterfield hotel with jet-black walls, leather banquettes and—of course—leopard carpeting, serving American fare. It's the perfect place to celebrate among a very old-world Palm Beach crowd. *363 Coconut Row, 561.659.5800, chesterfieldpb.com \$\$\$*

Maven **N** The new Franco-American farm-

I **TODD'S BY TODD ENGLISH** This summer, Todd's by Todd English in West Palm Beach will offer an enhanced prix fixe dinner menu boasting a variety of new offerings. The three-course dinner includes an appetizer and entree, followed by a personal dessert platter. As for the chef's recommendation: "On a hot summer day, I recommend trying the Blutyme cocktails. It's a mixture of vodka, thyme, blueberry and ginger beer." *2119 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, 561.227.3511*

2 **1000 NORTH** Find a sunny state of mind weekdays at 1000 NORTH in Jupiter for The Summer Social Hour. This menu offers special pricing on draft beer, wine, cocktails and select liquor. Additionally, "there are low-pressure entrees and snackable bites on the menu," says chef Lee Morris. "And, of course, our Key lime nestled in a buttery graham cracker cocoon and accented with toasted coconut meringue, graham cracker gelato and passion fruit is the perfect ending to summer!" *1000 US-1, Jupiter, 561.570.1000, 1000north.com*

3 **CUCINA** "Our summer menu ushers in the use of a ingredients we typically don't use as much during the winter: basil, more tomatoes, citrus and seafood," says chef and co-owner John Kent. "Summery dishes like our Spanish octopus appetizer and grilled prime skirt steak with salsa verde are big hits. We also sell a lot of poke from the raw bar at Cucina, especially on the hot summer nights. This summer we will be hosting our monthly Kiss Me Party, which has special menu items like fresh crab-stuffed grilled lobster and veal cheek risotto with summer truffles." *257 Royal Poinciana Way, 561.855.7799, cucinapalmbeach.com*

4 **BICE** "We are doing a big happy hour menu, bigger than in years past. Some of our most popular dishes like the carbonara pasta, spinach ravioli, veal mushroom ravioli and truffle summer pasta make the cut," says Jose Gonzalez, general manager. "For lighter fare, turn to our organic summer salads and martinis with seasonal fruits, such as watermelon." *313 Worth Ave., 561.835.1600, bice-palmbeach.com*

5 **HULLABALOO** "In July, we will be doing a Stone-Bells cookout party on our back patio, next to where our vintage Airstream camper is located. We will be cooking a whole hog with all the trimmings," says chef Fritz Cassel. "Summer is all about grilling; there is nothing better than a summer cookout." *517 Clematis St., West Palm Beach, 561.833.1033, sub-culture.org/hullabaloo*



1000 North's tropical Key lime pie among a sea of toasted coconut meringue