



FALL DINING GUIDE

New and Worth Noting

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Fall has yielded a bumper crop of fresh new restaurants across the area. Some are brought forth by established chefs shedding old venues and venturing out on their own. Many are additions to already established restaurant families. Still others are just plain new. Here are a few to keep an eye on.

Still to Come:

- The opening of **Krog Bar**, Kevin Rathbun's second venture into restaurant ownership, kept getting pushed farther and farther out. Originally slated to open in late June, it finally had a super soft opening Oct. 3. Located next door to Rathbun's in Inman Park, the menu professes to be a Mediterranean mix of small cold plates (shhhh... don't say tapas) divided into five parts: antipasti, crudo, carne, tramezzini and formaggi. Gelatos are created daily. The wine list sports varietals from Italy, Spain and France. Smaller and less formal than its famous sister, the interior will have an old-world look designed by the Johnson Studio.

- **Trois**, an upscale design slated to open in April 2006 at 1180 Peachtree St., King & Spalding's unfinished skyscraper, is still in the works from restaurateur Bob Amick (see Piebar, left). The concept touts three floors with 14,000 square feet overall. Look for a modern French brasserie menu, with a sophisticated bar on the first tier, luxurious dining on the second and private rooms on the third. With four kitchens, there'd better be a dumbwaiter. No word yet on who the chef might be.

Also from Amick, in the same building, will be **Tap**. Coming in fall of 2006, this smaller venue will have a sophisticated, but casual menu. Plans are in the works for 1,800 square feet of patio overlooking Peachtree Street.

- Fifth Group Restaurants (Sala, South City Kitchen, La Tavola Trattoria) is opening a **second South City Kitchen** in Vinings at Cumberland Parkway in One Ivy Walk, due to be ready by the end of the year. Designed by the Johnson Studio (can anyone say Frazier syndrome?), the restaurant will offer the same progressive Southern menu as its Midtown counterpart. Only this location has 17 sets of French doors.

- Also from Fifth Group comes **Ecco**, scheduled to open in early 2006. Located in the old Atlanta Fencing Club building, the concept is casual neighborhood dining with a menu of seasonal Italian- and Mediterranean-influenced foods such as pastas, pizzas and antipasti.