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## South Florida restaurants: Now open, coming soon and closed



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### **Delray Beach Market**

[Florida's largest food hall](#) opened last weekend with 27 vendors. At four stories with 150,000 square feet of vendor spaces and entertainment/demonstration areas, it can handle 2,000 visitors a day. *33 SE Third Ave., [DelrayBeachMarket.com](http://DelrayBeachMarket.com)*

### **Crumbl Cookie, Davie**

Gourmet cookies are mixed, baked and prepared each day in an open concept kitchen with different flavors each week. The eatery's 120+ rotating flavors include Nutella Sea Salt, Cinnamon Swirl, Coconut Lime, Oatmeal Raisin, Muddy Buddy and Cosmic Brownie. The new Broward location is an addition to the cookie shop's nationwide list of locations. *2272 S University Drive, Davie; 754-241-9835, [crumblcookies.com](http://crumblcookies.com)*

### **Sloan's, Boca Raton**

The pink-covered candy emporium opened its sixth South Florida outpost in the Uptown Boca shopping village and will feature specialty sundaes – including an 18-scoop “kitchen sink” – along with cookies, shakes and chocolate treats. *9690 Glades Road, Suite 350, Boca Raton; 561-617-1116, [SloansIceCream.com](http://SloansIceCream.com)*

### **Francisca Charcoal Chicken & Meats, Davie**

This fast-growing Latin American chain, which aims to open 12 Florida locations in 2021 (Miramar and Miami Lakes are already open), debuted its Davie outpost on April 20. The restaurant, which comes from Miami-based Bocas Group, specializes in charcoal chicken, barbecue baby back ribs, empanadas, arepas and cachapas. *2258 S. University Drive, Davie; 954-530-6573, [FranciscaRestaurant.com](http://FranciscaRestaurant.com)*

## **Carrot Express, Boca Raton**

This Miami-based health-food chain opened its eighth location April 12 at this 1,700-square-foot storefront, featuring juices, plant-based burgers, acai bowls and avocado toasts. *10 E. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton; 561-717-4175, [EatCarrotExpress.com](http://EatCarrotExpress.com)*



Los Bocados in Parkland, once housed in a Chevron station, has opened its first brick-and-mortar location. (Amy Beth Bennett / South Florida Sun Sentinel)

## **Los Bocados, Parkland**

Once a Mexican taqueria in the bright corner of a Chevron gas station, Los Bocados debuted its [first brick-and-mortar April 19](#) a taco's throw north of its old stomping grounds. Food Network's [“Diners, Drive-Ins and Drives” recently spotlighted](#) the restaurant's build-your-own burritos and citrus-pork quesadillas. *7031 N. State Road 7, Parkland; 954-637-4984, [LosBocados.com](http://LosBocados.com)*

## **Walt's American Grille and Bar, Boca Raton**

Farm-to-table options include classic American fare like a New York strip or honey glazed salmon. The new eatery is also kicking things up with a happy hour menu that includes habanero chicken wings, tuna nachos, shrimp ceviche and half off all drinks from 5 to 7 p.m. *6030 SW 18th St., Boca Raton; [waltsamerican.com](http://waltsamerican.com)*

### **Sushi Garage, Fort Lauderdale**

Replacing the former Etaru space on Las Olas Boulevard, this [Japanese restaurant](#) comes from partners Jonas and Alexandra Millán (Juvia) and chef-partner Sunny Oh (Nobu), who operate Sushi Garage's Miami Beach flagship. The menu, under corporate chef Kaoru Chang, features hot and cold appetizers, and entrees such as miso maple seabass and sliced tenderloin teriyaki. *500 E. Las Olas, Suite 100, Fort Lauderdale; SushiGarage.com*

### **Alacati Mediterranean Restaurant, Hallandale Beach**

Turkish cuisine delights such as ground-lamb pita, chicken kebab, kibbeh and alinazik (smoked eggplant with seasoned ground meat) can be found at this Mediterranean restaurant across the street from Gulfstream Park. *1403 Hallandale Beach Blvd., Hallandale Beach; 954-743-2948, [AlacatiRestaurantFL.com](#)*

### **Fort Liquordale, Fort Lauderdale**

This liquor store from the owners of Chops + Hops Axe Throwing Bar [aims to become a 3,000-square-foot entertainment village](#) this summer when it opens a kitchen and hidden speakeasy bar. *702 NE First Ave., Fort Lauderdale; [LiquordaleSpirits.com](#)*

### **Crab Du Jour, Pompano Beach**

This Cajun seafood restaurant and bar in Pompano Beach's Palm Aire Plaza replaces a location of Ruby Tuesday that closed early in the pandemic, and features seafood boils and po' boys. *299 SW 26th Ave., Pompano Beach; 954-953-8999, [CrabDuJour.com](#)*

### **Planta, West Palm Beach**

This upscale mini-chain from acclaimed chef David Lee and restaurateur Steven Salm opened its [seventh location inside Rosemary Square](#) in

downtown West Palm Beach. The 200-seat restaurant will showcase (naturally) plant-based dishes such as coconut ceviche, Kelp Caesar, eggplant lasagna and pizza. *700 S. Rosemary Ave., Suite 142, West Palm Beach; [PlantaRestaurants.com](http://PlantaRestaurants.com)*

### **Okeechobee Prime Seafood, West Palm Beach**

From owners of the longtime running Okeechobee Steakhouse, this new concept shifts to the surf promising fresh, local and regional seafood. Dishes include stuffed flounder and cold water scallops. Prime steaks are also available. The restaurant sits about 138 people and is the fourth venture for the Lewis family. *2888 Shawnee Ave., West Palm Beach; [okeeprimeseafood.com](http://okeeprimeseafood.com)*

### **Peterbrooke Chocolatier, West Boca Raton**

The Florida-based confectioner opened just before Easter at the Regency Square Shopping Plaza. Scratch-made marshmallows, potato chips and strawberries are hand-dipped daily with Peterbrooke's own proprietary blend of milk, dark and white chocolate. Some options are certified OU Kosher, including the hand-crafted gelato. *3013 Yamato Road Suite B10, Boca Raton, 561-617-7170; [peterbrookebocaregencysquare.com](http://peterbrookebocaregencysquare.com)*

### **Crema Gourmet Espresso Bar, Davie**

[Crema, located at Tower Shops, is a “sophisticated breakfast place”](#) with lunch and dinner options, a brunch menu on the way, breads and desserts, and an extensive menu of coffees, teas and juices. There is covered seating on a tree-lined patio that wraps around the side of the building. *2256 S University Drive, Davie; 954-514-7394, [cremagourmet.com](http://cremagourmet.com)*

### **Cuba Libre Restaurant and Rum Bar, Fort Lauderdale**

[This is the fifth nationwide location](#) from co-owners Barry Gutin and James Beard Award-winning chef Guillermo Pernot, executing modern twists on traditional Cuban dishes. *800 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale; 954-314-6500, [CubaLibreRestaurant.com](http://CubaLibreRestaurant.com)*

### **loc's Italian Ice, Cooper City**

For lovers of sweets who are indecisive, the eatery offers 40 different flavors of Italian ice including lemon basil, mango or Bahama freeze. You can also get a combo of Italian ice swirled into homemade soft ice cream. The location opened on April 1 at the new Cooper Square strip mall across from Cooper City High School. *9630 Stirling Road, Cooper City; [jeremiahsice.com](http://jeremiahsice.com)*

### **Rio Minas Brazilian Steakhouse, Fort Lauderdale**

Chef-owner Oswaldo Neto, formerly of Pittsburgh's Green Forest Brazilian Restaurant, brings this steakhouse to 17th Street with sandwiches, salads and all-you-can-eat Brazilian picanha. *1515 SE 17th St., Suite 103, Fort Lauderdale; 754-701-0236, [RioMinasSteakhouse.com](http://RioMinasSteakhouse.com)*

Coming soon

### **Lynora's, Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton**

An Italian mother's cooking is the inspiration behind the eatery expected to expand to a total of six locations between Palm Beach and Broward counties by the end of the year. The Abbenante family's brand of traditional Italian recipes over the past 35 years includes dishes such as tagliolini alla carbonara, linguine alle vongole and cannelloni al forno. The Boca Raton and Fort Lauderdale locations are expected to open by year's end. *2364 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale; Uptown Boca plaza, 9560 Glades Rd., Suite 180; [Lynoras.com](http://Lynoras.com)*

### **Bang Shack, Hollywood**



Owner Jason Hadley's chicken-dip stall at the Yellow-Green Farmer's Market was [once spotlighted on ABC's "Shark Tank,"](#) and now Bang Shack will open as a brick-and-mortar restaurant in downtown Hollywood later this spring. *120 S. 20th Ave., Hollywood; 786-223-5395; [thebangshack.com](http://thebangshack.com)*

### **Mystic Lobster Rolls, Boca Raton**

A beachside eatery boasting whole Maine lobster rolls with no fillers. The restaurant, founded in New Jersey, is also bringing its lobster bisque and lobster mac-n-cheese down to South Florida. Owners say doors will open in May. *771 E Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton; [mysticlobsterrolls.com](http://mysticlobsterrolls.com)*

### **Divieto, Coral Springs**

Italian for "prohibition," Divieto aims to take diners back to the roaring '20s in a new 5,907 square foot space expected to open at the end of the year. This is the restaurant's fourth Florida location serving scratch-made Italian dishes, thin crust pizzas and era-inspired cocktails. *2729 N. University Drive; [divietoristorante.com](http://divietoristorante.com)*

### **Kraft Bistro Deli, Oakland Park**

This bistro and deli from first-time restaurateur Paul Hugo, opening this summer, replaces the former [Brown Dog Eatery that closed last July](#). *2701 E. Oakland Park Blvd.*

### **Sushi By Bou Beach Club, Pompano Beach**

[Sushi By Bou Beach Club, an omakase-style restaurant](#) from sushi master David Bouhadana, will open in April at the the Marriott Residence Inn Pompano Beach. Other locations in New York, New Jersey, Chicago and Miami Beach, but this one will have a beachy vibe. *1350 Ocean Blvd. in Pompano Beach; [sushibybou.com](http://sushibybou.com)*

### **Grampa's Bagel Bakery Deli Café, Dania Beach**

New York bagel-shop veterans [Mark Fried \(Bagel Boys Café\) and Marc Goldberg \(Goldberg’s Famous Bagels\)](#) plan to rebrand this **64-year-old bakery** – closed since the beginning of the pandemic – as a New York-style deli serving New York water bagels, rugelach, housemade corned-beef brisket and other diner classics. Opening in May. *17 SW First Ave., Dania Beach*

### **Warren, Delray Beach**

From Damn Good Hospitality CEO Jeff John, [Warren will feature “American bistro with a world flair,”](#) under the direction of Chef Jared Case, as well as more than 1,000 bottles of hard-to-find scotch and bourbon. *15084 Lyons Road, Delray Beach; [WarrenDelray.com](#)*

Closed

### **Fat Boyz Barbecue, Coral Springs**

Owner-pitmaster Jarael Holston-Jones [closed his Coral Springs outpost](#) to zero fanfare, farewells or even final plates of Southern-style smoked ribs and brisket, though he plans to keep his remaining Fort Lauderdale open. *6192 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs; 954-415-4810, [FatBoyzBarbecue.com](#)*

### **Patio Delray, Delray Beach**

This upscale seafood eatery with a tropical, pet-friendly patio will permanently close after its final dinner service on April 17, owner Lily Buchheit confirms. The restaurant opened a decade ago and features Maine lobster, seafood pot pie and homemade desserts. *800 Palm Trail, Delray Beach; 561-279-0880*

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Franco & Vinny's was a Fort Lauderdale beach staple since 1971. (Franco & Vinny's)

### **Franco & Vinny's, Fort Lauderdale**

This iconic Italian restaurant nicknamed the Pizza Shack, open since 1971 near Fort Lauderdale Beach, closed April 25, prompted by [owner Vincenzo Esposito's decision to retire at age 79](#). *2884 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale; 954-564-9522, FrancoandVinnys.com*