

## 10 Bay Area Restaurants Everyone Will Be Talking About This Year

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It may be winter, but this is no time to shelter in place. In the past month alone, we've seen at least a half dozen restaurant openings—from high-profile ramen to Asian-inspired bar bites to Jamaican comfort food. Put home-cooked meals on hold for a while and start making your reservations at some of these hot spots now.



## THE BAR AT HOTEL KABUKI (NOW OPEN)

It's not often that we go to a bar specifically for the food, but the new Bar at Hotel Kabuki is serving up crave-worthy bites that pair perfectly with its killer cocktails. The usual suspects include fried wontons and veggie tempura, which all work well to soak up drinks like the beautifully (and naturally!) bright purple Madame Chou (tequila, butterfly pea flower tea, lime and grapefruit soda). Confession: We want to have the *karaage* chicken (chicken thighs, soy, ginger and spicy mayo-sriracha sauce) and golden tea milk punch (gin, turmeric, cinnamon matcha tea, coconut cream, Madagascar vanilla) every single day.

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