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The Most Beautiful New Restaurants in New Orleans

Feast your eyes on these stone cold stunners

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In November, Eater awarded Maypop **Design of the Year**, but there are so many jaw-dropping new restaurants that hit the city stage this year (and at the very end of last year).

This year's new restaurant designs ran the gamut. New Orleans got a bright bakery inspired by 1970s minimalism from Beth Biundo. Magasin Cafe got a major facelift with velvet seating and Spruce NOLA's unmistakable wallpaper. Massive floral murals grew on the walls of a completely renovated Country Club in the Bywater.

And the great thing is that all the restaurants listed here are also serving some of the best food in town, meaning they have the full package. And they don't represent one single type of restaurant. The list includes a bakery, bar, country club, upscale Indian restaurant, upscale Vietnamese restaurant, and more.

Without further adieu, here's a guide through this year's new (and majorly revamped) restaurant design highlights.

Beth Biundo Sweets

 GRID VIEW

Address: 3917 Baronne Street, Central City

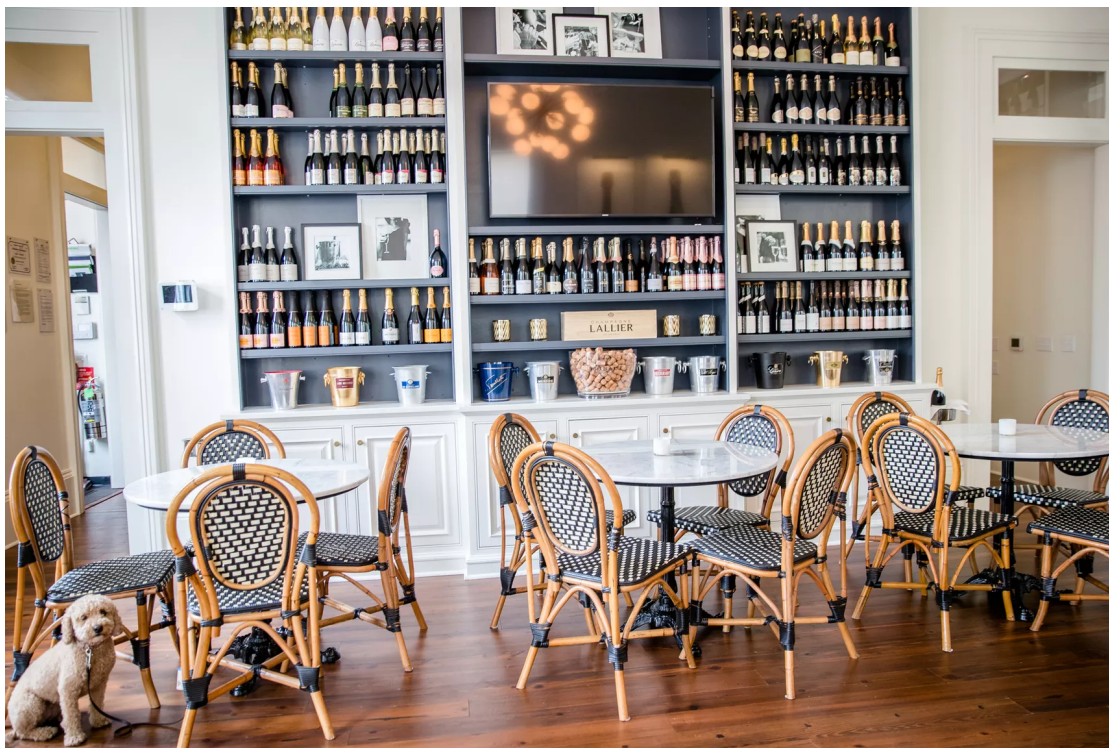
Key players: Chef, owner, and designer Beth Biundo

Opened: August 2, 2017

The look: During her last two years as the pastry chef at Lilette, Beth Biundo attended the interior design program at Delgado. She worked for both Gerrie Bremermann and Vesta Fort before returning to baking. When she decided to open her own shop in Cleaver & Co's former home, she had already been thinking about the bakery interior for two years. Biundo knew she'd be spending a lot of time at the bakery so she wanted to enjoy being there. That meant a simple, bright, modern interior influenced by 1970s minimalism.

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Effervescence



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Address: 1036 N. Rampart St., French Quarter

Key players: Owner Crystal Coco Hinds, Designer **Kelly Sutton**, Architect **Corbett Scott**

Opened: March 17, 2017

The look: New Orleans interior designer **Kelly Sutton** and architect **Corbett Scott** revamped a circa-1890 center hall house on Rampart Street to create Effervescence Bubbles & Bites. Trying to pay homage to the history of the space, a black and white encaustic cement tile and two oversized custom modern empire chandeliers give the illusion of the center hall that once was drawing the patrons to the focal point of the space — the brass encased bar. The oversized chevron brass detailing on the bar blends clean lines and a modern aesthetic with the traditional New Orleans details. Black and white French bistro chairs, marble tables, and a quaint courtyard make it a chic spot to taste the extensive menu of champagne and small bites.

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Saffron NOLA

 GRID VIEW

Address: 4128 Magazine Street, Uptown

Key players: The Vilku family, Design firm **Farouki Farouki**

Opened: August 10, 2017

The look: The first brick-and-mortar for the creative Indian restaurant from the **Vilku** family blends the cuisine of the family's native India with the cuisine of the family's New Orleans home in a chic, modern space. Interior design firm **Farouki Farouki** weaved copper, deep grey, and kobe red tones throughout the interior. Above each large booth dangles a glass light fixture with a soft Edison bulb. The large bar, where Indian flavors form the backdrop of both classic and inventive cocktails, is accented with sparkly and cool red panels.

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Address: 611 O’Keefe Avenue, South Market District

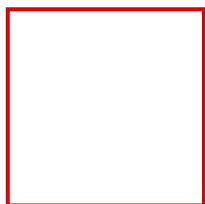
Key players: Chef Michael Gulotta, Jeff Gulotta, Jeffrey Bybee, Design firm **Farouki Farouki**

Opened: December 2016

The look: This restaurant snuck onto the scene at the end of 2016, opening just before Christmas. Located in the spot that was booming Paramount building. The restaurant had briefly housed Ursa Major and the revamped layout features a design from **Farouki Farouki**, with a large wall that appears as a map of the Mississippi from one angle and the Mekong delta from another. There’s a sleek charcuterie case and a mural of Maypop flowers by artist **Kimberly Miles Sanders**. Planters hold philodendron that will soon grow down the windows and the section between the bar and dining area, adding much needed greenery to the industrial space.

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Magasin Cafe



Address: 4201 Magazine Street, Uptown

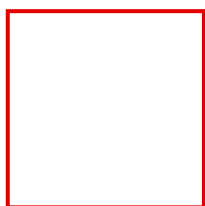
Key players: Kim Nguyen, Nomita Joshi-Gupta from design firm **Spruce** NOLA

Opened: Re-opened December 2016

The look: This isn't exactly a *new* restaurant, but the concept and the interior has changed so much that it doesn't make sense not to include it in this round-up. After years of providing Uptown with casual Vietnamese food in a hip cafe, owner **Kim Nguyen** decided to offer more sophisticated and upscale traditional Vietnamese food. With that change, the restaurant has a big facelift with the help of **Spruce NOLA's Nomita Joshi-Gupta**. The interior has been reimagined in a romantic French-Vietnamese style with stunning wallpaper, velvet seating, and a menu to match.

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DTB



Address: 8201 Oak Street, Riverbend

Key players: Chef Carl Schaubhut, Design firm **Valerie Legras Atelier**, Architect Brooks Graham

Opened: March 29, 2017

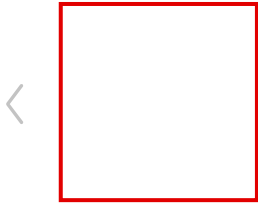
The look: Polished concrete floors; natural wood; objects, like oysters shells and pock-marked metal balls found near Bayou du Large off LA-1; Spanish moss-covered fixtures; and back-illuminated wood blocks on the walls by the high-backed booths all add to an ambiance that is urban and contemporary, but with a nod toward a more rural Louisiana.

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Curio

 GRID VIEW





Address: 301 Royal Street, French Quarter

Key players: Creole Cuisine Restaurant Concepts

Opened: September 2017

The look: In the late 1800s, the building housed a curio shop and later became a meat market and deli. With that in mind, the interior at this new French Quarter restaurant has been renovated and designed to combine food, art, and history. In addition to the large dining area and bar on the first floor, the restaurant boasts second-floor dining as well as a glorious wrap-around gallery offering covered outdoor dining overlooking one of New Orleans' most famous streets. Bright and energetic paintings by New Orleans artist **Tony Mose**, owner of Esom Gallery on Magazine Street, cover the walls of the 150-seat restaurant.

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The Country Club

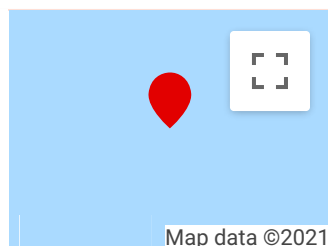


Country Club

Address: 634 Louisa Street, Bywater

Opened: Updates unveiled March 2017

The look: To celebrate 40 years, The Country Club in the Bywater unveiled extensive updates after a year-long renovation, including these hand-painted murals by artist Cindy Mathis.



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