

WHAT'S NEW in Greater Fort Lauderdale



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NEW ON THE SCENE

[AC Hotel Fort Lauderdale Sawgrass Mills/Sunrise](#) opened in March 2021, located adjacent to Sawgrass Mills mall and steps from the BB&T Center. Its sophisticated, European-style offerings include 174 guest rooms, an onsite lounge, and a rooftop bar, which can accommodate 300 guests. Other meeting space includes 1,940 square feet of indoor space, including a meeting room with floor-to-ceiling windows and an adjacent terrace.

[Cambria Hotel Lauderdale Beach](#) opened in January 2021. The 104-room hotel is located just steps from the beach and offers ocean views, a meeting room that can accommodate up to 120 people, coffee and lobby bar, rooftop pool deck and fitness room. Guests can lounge poolside while enjoying the ocean breeze, sip local craft beers and cocktails at the lobby bar and unwind in modern guest rooms inspired by South Florida's unique style.

[Courtyard Fort Lauderdale Downtown](#) opened in March 2021, bringing 137 rooms into the trendy, arts-oriented Flagler Village section of downtown Fort Lauderdale, which also is home to some of the area's finest dining establishments. Features include a state-of-the-art lobby, two meeting rooms with a total of 2,300 square feet of flexible meeting space and a rooftop pool.

[Hotel Maren Fort Lauderdale Beach, a Curio Collection by Hilton](#), opened its doors in January 2021 on A1A overlooking Fort Lauderdale beach. The stunning 229,000-square-foot, 12-story hotel features 141 luxurious resort rooms, oversize balconies and breathtaking ocean views. Amenities include a VIP lounge, Ocean Club, 5th floor pool and pool bar, state-of-the-art fitness center and Riviera, an Italian restaurant by celebrity chef Fabio Viviani.

NEW IN DINING

Takato, a Japanese-Korean fusion restaurant, is now open in the Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach. Takato, meaning ‘in a state of extreme happiness’ in Japanese, features an upscale menu with shareable small plates and entrées with an emphasis on sushi.

Salt7 restaurant opened at the Icon Las Olas and features exquisite shared plates, gourmet entrees and premium cocktails in a trendy, upscale atmosphere. Highlights include a 2,200-square-foot mezzanine with a VIP area and DJ booth.

Bodega Taqueria y Tequila Fort Lauderdale doubles as a casual taco joint and a speakeasy-style lounge. Guests order authentic Mexican street food from a retrofitted vintage airstream trailer. Inside the taqueria, a door leads guests to Bodega’s late-night speakeasy, featuring an extensive cocktail menu and live music.

Yeasty Brews Artisanal Beers opened in Lauderhill. This hidden gem serves up small-batch beers brewed with all-natural fruits, spices and herbs, and small bites as well. They’re dedicated to brewing the most unique and finest beers in South Florida.



Twice Removed, a French fries-centric gastropub and speakeasy-themed beer and cocktail bar, is now open in Fort Lauderdale. Nearly every dish features double fried French fries, such as truffle fries, yucca fries, and zucchini fries. Fries also take center stage with duck confit, ropa vieja and curry chicken.

Eatapas, a Spanish restaurant in Fort Lauderdale, serves tapas, paella and tableside sangria. Diners can enjoy live Spanish guitar music nightly except Fridays, when the dining room is filled with flamenco dancing.

Unit B Eatery + Spirits, is located within the Shops at Pembroke Gardens. This chic, intimate eatery features New American small plates plus extensive craft cocktails and wines by the bottle or the glass. Using only the freshest ingredients, their dishes feature bold and inspiring flavors.

Sistrunk Marketplace & Brewery, a 24,000-square-foot indoor food hall, mixed-use event space and retail concept, opened in the heart of Fort Lauderdale’s historic Sistrunk. Shady Distillery and Khoffner Brewery are also now open inside Sistrunk Marketplace.

NEW IN ART

[NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale](#) presents a major retrospective exhibition of fashion designer Anna Sui through October 3, 2021. With over 100 looks, The World of Anna Sui explores the glamorous and eclectic world of one of New York's most beloved and accomplished designers.

[Art of Illusions](#), a 3D art museum, opened at Sawgrass Mills. The museum uses illusionary effects to create wild and amazing selfies. Just some of the attractions include Star Wars, Fortnite, Hulk, interactive dinosaurs and a dropping floor room.

[Island SPACE Caribbean Museum](#), the first Caribbean heritage museum in the U.S., is now open at the Westfield Mall in Plantation. The exhibition and event venue features a collection of artifacts and iconic and cultural relics and historical data representing South Florida's Caribbean communities.

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[Cuba Libra Restaurant & Rum Bar](#) opened on Las Olas Blvd. in downtown Fort Lauderdale led by two-time James Beard Award-winning Chef-Partner Guillermo Pernot. The restaurant features dramatic interior and exterior theming with its centerpiece being an exhibition style wood-burning Latin Grill and Chef's Counter.

[GIOIAEat](#) (pronounced "joy-ah-eat") has opened on Young Circle in downtown Hollywood. Master Pizza Chef and Acrobatic Pizza World Champion Massimiliano Stammerra can be seen throwing pizza dough as he prepares 17 specialty pizzas.

[Cleveland's Old Fashion Ice Cream](#) opened in Miramar. The ice cream parlour features 52 homemade ice-cream flavors including six vegan options, birch beer and soda floats.

[Sushi by Bou Beach Club](#) recently opened at the Marriott Residence Inn Pompano Beach. Just steps from the ocean, the restaurant offers the concept's renowned omakase experience as well as additional indoor and outdoor seating featuring a la carte izakaya, sushi and maki menus.



ON THE HORIZON

The highly anticipated expansion of the [Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center](#) is underway, including 350,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit space opening fall 2021.



[AC Hotels by Marriott Fort Lauderdale](#)

[Beach](#) opens in June 2021 with 171 rooms. Features include ocean views, an open kitchen for specialty culinary events, a library, an expansive resort-style pool with cabanas and 1,000 square feet of meeting space.

A new 23-story [Four Seasons](#) is anticipated to open in December 2021 with 130 guest rooms and 90 residences, two restaurants, a spa, fitness center, children's recreation room, "Beach Butlers" and ballroom and meeting facilities.

[Hillsboro Beach Resort](#), a 99-room property on exclusive Hillsboro Mile, opens in May 2021. Highlights include Intracoastal dockage with watersports, serene private beach, resort pool and the freshest creations at the oceanfront restaurant ROI.



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