

Five Places ... that we're looking forward to visiting in 2008 (part one)



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It's a new year - and that means new dining opportunities. Over the next couple of weeks, we'll spotlight places that we're eager to visit in 2008 - some new, some old (but with new tweaks).

Today, we highlight five recently opened establishments.

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Metronome Grand Brasserie: Palm Beach Gardens gets its first taste of French brasserie cooking at this new hot spot in the PGA Commons plaza. True to Parisian style, it features multi-tiered shellfish platters. 5090 PGA Blvd.; (561) 775-1919.

Naylah Mediterranean Grill: Given that Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast have long lacked decent Mediterranean restaurants, this Royal Palm Beach one, which offers all the classics (falafel, grilled meats, baklava) and then some, is especially welcome. 11051 Southern Blvd., Suite 210; (561) 798-4343.

The Counter: Design your own burger at this new Royal Palm Beach establishment, part of a growing national chain. It's known for its milkshakes, too. 11071 Southern Blvd., Suite 100; (561) 792-7577.

Saba: This Asian newcomer in Boca Raton says it serves Japanese and Thai with upscale and health-conscious flourishes. And a lounge has live music and dancing. 499 S. Federal Highway; (561) 353-4600.

Truluck's: The popular seafood chain has finally landed in South Florida - in Boca, specifically. The restaurant specializes in crab and boasts that it has its own fleet of 16 boats. 351 Plaza Real; (561) 391-0755.

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