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"IT'S AS EXPENSIVE AS CAVIAR AND KIND OF A DELICACY WHEN IT'S DONE RIGHT."

—CHEF JULIA LEROY ON SNAPPING TURTLE, THE CURRENT GAME-CHIC DISH ON THE MENU FOR HER HUNTER'S TABLE DINNER PARTY IN JANUARY



NEW GRUB HUB

③ **Local Three**, in the former Joël space, offers playful dishes like "breakfast for dinner" and "Notorious P.I.G." charcuterie, gourmet grub such as duck confit cassoulet and roasted pumpkin risotto, 40 bourbons, a felled tree-trunk bar, and a rustic-chic ai3-designed space—what's not to love?

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EATALY IN DECATUR

Chef **Drew Belline** (Floataway Café) will head up **Ford Fry's** (JCT. Kitchen) newest venture: an Italian eatery in Decatur. Think artisanal breads, Neapolitan pizzas, handmade pastas and serious veggies when it opens in March.

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NICE SPICE

Food bloggers are buzzing about Asha Gomez's **Spice Route Supper Club**, highlighting the global fusions of Kerala: coconut-scented beef, fish curries, saffron semolina pudding.



CHEFS TO WATCH

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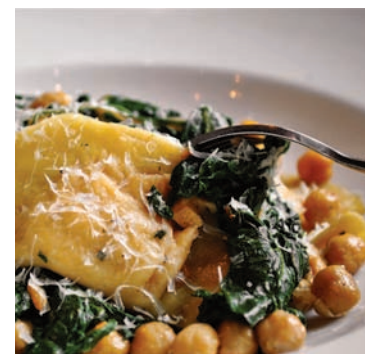
The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead has two

reasons to crow: New exec chef **Peter Zampaglione** (above), last of Mandarin Oriental Barcelona, and café chef **Todd Richards**, last of Lush Life Group. Chef Z will no doubt bring innovations from Europe's cutting-edge culinary city, while Richards, whose menu starts this month, will probably add soul food mojo and palate-pleasing playfulness. Don't miss Chef Z's to-die-for silver queen corn soup, poured elegantly from a silver salver, and his divine Berkshire pork belly with Georgia white shrimp.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Two things you can count on: Southerners like to eat. And they like to tell stories. Restaurant **Eugene** is taking advantage of those regional oral fixations with its series of **Author Dinners** pairing food and ink. Coming in 2011: fromage expert Liz Thorpe, NYC Prune resto owner Gabrielle Hamilton and ATL-based *The New York Times* food writer Kim Severson.



REGULAR JOE

⑧ **Parish** has shed its Nawlins theme, but not its yen for hearty regional fare, including new chef **Joe Schafer's** delectable charcuterie, pickled treats (the okra is to die for) and sublime sweet potato ravioli.

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ALL ABOARD! Vintage cocktail fans, your train has arrived.

H. Harper Station's encyclopedic cocktail list really has our head swimming, especially the shareable punch bowls serving 4-6: As far as we're concerned, the tastiest way to tinkle with friends.

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*After the boom in ATL's French bistros, why not a little something for Bavaria fans? Marietta Street's **Der Biergarten** boasts a festive atmosphere, esoteric German beers, authentic wursts and, of course...wiener schnitzel!*

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VITI-CULTURE VULTURE

Local epicurean **Katherine Moreau Barringer** is the wit behind wine blog, **VITiculture** (viticulture.typepad.com), which places the grape within the context of high and pop culture. Log on and find out why the clear bright structure of Sauvignon Blanc resembles Philip Johnson's Glass House. Or why Bandol, Domaine Tempier, Rosé can be compared to Jean Seberg in Godard's new wave flick *Breathless*.



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