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Key Newcomers

While *The Departed* put Boston on the cinematic map, the city's culinary map is dotted with arrivals. Below is our take on some of the past year's most notable newcomers. (For a complete list, see page 256.)

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| All Star Sandwich Bar | Incontro |
| Alta Strada | La Brace |
| Avila | LTK |
| Beacon St. Tavern | Masona Grill |
| Bin 26 Enoteca | Oishii Boston (South End) |
| Bouchée | Pava |
| Copia | Petit Robert Bistro (South End) |
| dante | POPS |
| Douzo | Rustic Kitchen (Park Square) |
| 51 Lincoln | Sasso |
| flour bakery (Seaport District) | Tresca |

While the above list features a host of debut ventures, like **dante** and **POPS**, it also contains its fair share of branches of established favorites. Without a doubt, to their ever-hungry owners, area restaurants appear to be like potato chips: you can't have just one. Even as **flour bakery & café** sprouted a sibling in the up-and-coming Seaport District, the South End original welcomed to its neighborhood branches of **Petit Robert Bistro** - a ringer for its Kenmore Square sire - and **Oishii Boston**, which comes as the city-slick counterpart to the suburban sushi bars that bore it. Brookline sleeper Washington Square Tavern watched its more visible offshoot, **Beacon Street Tavern**, take off mere blocks away, while Italian steakhouse Davio's in Park Square created a quasi-clone in close proximity, the Theater District's Mediterranean-themed **Avila**. Similarly, Prezza proudly fathered Charlestown's Mediterranean-accented **Copia**, while fellow North Ender Lucca saw **Sasso** - an equally upscale Italian spot - born in the Back Bay. And after a couple of years, **Rustic Kitchen** returns to Boston - Park Square to be precise - with a happening new Italian spot.

In the year to come, Bostonians will witness the continued expansion of many mini-empires. Staking his claim on the Nine Zero Hotel near Downtown Crossing, Ken Oringer of Clio and Toro fame is transforming the former Spire into modern steakhouse **KO Prime**. Flour bakery's Joanne Chang is planning her first full-service eatery in the South End, where casual Asian eats will abound. The folks behind blu aim to introduce the cuisine of the Italian region Liguria to the South End's Harrison Avenue via **ROCCA Kitchen & Bar** - and just down the block, the Aquitaine Restaurant Group is gearing up for **Gaslight Brasserie du Coin**, featuring French classics. Indeed, that once-sleepy stretch of the neighborhood is expected to see major activity of the gastronomic kind - as is the fledgling Seaport District, where the recent opening of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center has already triggered a wave of development.