

# The Essential 38 Houston Restaurants, April 2013

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It's time to update the Eater 38, your answer and ours to any question that begins, "Can you recommend a restaurant..." This highly elite group covers the entire city, spans myriad cuisines, and collectively satisfies all of your restaurant needs, save for those occasions when you absolutely must spend half a paycheck. Every couple of months, we'll be adding pertinent restaurants that were omitted, have newly become eligible (restaurants must be open at least six months), or have stepped up their game. They are not ranked in any particular order. This time the groupings roughly correspond to neighborhoods, starting downtown and working out. Although each restaurant on the list fulfills different needs for different occasions, they are all excellent.

There are six new additions this time. First, we bid a hearty farewell to **Roost**, **Vinoteca Poscol**, **Polonia**, **Thanh Phuong**, **The Queen Vic Pub & Kitchen** and **El Tiempo**.

The newcomers represent the best of this fall's openings, a Vietnamese restaurant that's among the city's best and a few new classics that have stepped up their game. Welcome **The Pass & Provisions**, **Trinita**, **Teotihuacan**, **Local Foods**, **Crawfish & Noodles** and **Hawthorn**.

*If you feel your favorite restaurant has been slighted, feel free to let us know. State your cases for (or against) restaurants in the comments or via the [tipline](#).*



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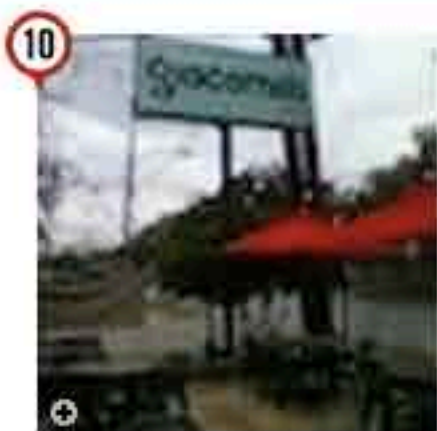
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### GIACOMO'S CIBO E VINO

It's a conglomeration of serving styles and Italian dishes, both large and small that make this neighborhood restaurant endearing and very, very good.

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