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Tampa Bay's Top 100 Restaurants: best new restaurant

Restaurant critic Laura Reiley dined out for nearly 200 meals this past year, so she knows where the best restaurants are in Tampa Bay. As we roll out her Top 100 Restaurants, here is her pick for the best new restaurant. Your fave's not listed? Let us know in the comments section. And if you want all 100 in a handy guide, be sure to pick up a Weekend section in Thursday's St. Petersburg Times.



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This would have been a more crowded field had James Canter and Domenica Macchia stayed behind the stoves at MFA Cafe and MJ's Jazz & Tapas Lounge, respectively. Zach and Jennifer Gross, owners of the new Z Grille in Signature Place, have only each other to toast. Z Grille offers downtown St. Petersburg style and a bit of sass along with a hip menu and glamorous interior. Let's hope this chef-driven venture prompts a raft of others with such singular panache to pop up around Tampa Bay. Also, that fancy deviled eggs become a trend.

[Z Grille](#)

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