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### New Restaurant Roundup: January

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by Amy Cavanaugh

With new restaurants opening seemingly every day, how are you supposed to keep track of them all? We've rounded up some of the most notable Chicago openings of the past few months so you can better focus your dining energies.

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#### Ill Forks

333 E. Benton  
Chicago, IL  
(312) 938-4303  
[3forks.com](#)



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Ill Forks, a steakhouse with a killer rooftop space, is located in Lakeshore East, a hot new residential area. Head to the restaurant for thick steaks, seafood, or other classics like a wedge salad and shrimp cocktail. For a more casual meal, grab a spot in the lounge for specialty martinis, like an apple martini (it's nothing like the neon green appletinis you're used to), and nosh on tobiko deviled eggs, lamb meatballs, and Kobe sliders.

#### Cantina Laredo

508 N. State St.  
Chicago, IL  
(312) 955-0014  
[cantinalaredo.com](#)



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The first Chicago outpost of a Mexican food chain, Cantina Laredo serves up a punchy guacamole, a selection of tacos with fillings like mahi mahi or carnitas, and a well-made margarita. The menu dubs itself "modern Mexican," and you'll also find tortas, enchiladas, and brunch specials like huevos rancheros. The two-level space has a dining room and sleek bars, ideal for grabbing a post-work drink.

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