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THE YEAR'S NOTABLE NEW RESTAURANTS, BARS & CLUBS









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Best outdoor spaces



Frontier

1072 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-772-4322

This West Town tavern aims to prove that the only thing better than ordering a whole roasted pig is devouring it with a group under the stars in the adjacent beer garden.

Three Forks

333 E. Benton Place 312-938-4303

Your taxi driver may not know how to get to this address, but when you do find your way to this hidden-away restaurant in the Lakeshore East development, you'll be dazzled by the rooftop bar and its views of the surrounding park and glittery skyline.

Deuces & The Diamond Club

3505 N. Clark St. 773-644-5554

It's hard to miss this hulking Wrigleyville hangout, made even more eye-catching by the outdoor patio taking up a full lot next door. The prime real estate

South Branch

100 S. Wacker Dr. 312-546-6177

This classy Loop bar seems made for warm weather after-work drinks. The massive patio boasts not only river views, but a semi-covered outdoor bar to keep drinkers stocked up on beer and cocktails well into the evening.

includes water features, heaters and (of course) plenty of post-Cubs people-watching.

Prasino

1846 W. Division St. 312-878-1212

This eco-minded eatery one-upped all of its Wicker Park neighbors by making the most of its extra-wide sidewalks with not only rows and rows of dining tables, but also a killer lounge section with cushiontopped wicker sofas and chairs shaded by giant umbrellas.