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# Louis Vuitton opens new Miami Design District store, bakery makes Hallandale debut and mahjong concept joins Wellington mall (Photos)

## From luxury retail and restaurants to fitness studios and grocery stores like Whole Foods Market, here's a roundup of the latest hospitality and retail openings and expansions across South Florida.




A sculptural staircase anchors the two-level interior of Louis Vuitton's new temporary women's store in the Miami Design District, which offers women's leather goods, ready-to-wear apparel, shoes, jewelry and fragrances.

LOUIS VUITTON / BRAD DICKSON



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Louis Vuitton opened a temporary women's store on June 29 in the Miami Design District at 119 NE 41st St., expanding its retail presence in the luxury shopping district.
The store offers women's leather goods, accessories, ready-to-wear apparel, shoes, watches, jewelry, fragrances, luggage and books.
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Inside, artwork by Raw-Edges Design Studio, Alex Proba, Maia Ruth Lee, Claudia Lavegas, Ara Studio and Zhou Yilun is displayed throughout the two-level space, alongside a hand-painted Alzer Pyramid suitcase installation inspired by Miami.

Designed by Louis Vuitton Women's Artistic Director Nicolas Ghesquière, the ready-to-wear collection is displayed throughout the temporary store, which incorporates wood finishes, natural light and coastal-inspired design elements.

Here are 15 other hospitality concepts that have opened or announced new locations in South Florida:

**Omakai**




From the top moving clockwise: A Blue Crab hand roll $10, the Tuna Tasting sampler $19, the Shashimi Assortment $20, and the Salmon Tasting sampler $14.

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**Carrot (formerly Carrot Express)**




Salads served at Carrot Express.

CARROT EXPRESS

Carrot, formerly Carrot Express, announced plans to open a second Brickell location this fall at 1057 Brickell Plaza. The 1,362-square-foot Miami restaurant, owned by founder Mario Laufer, will feature 32 indoor seats and 20 outdoor seats. Founded in Miami Beach in 1993, the fast-casual brand has expanded to more than 30 locations across South Florida and New York City.

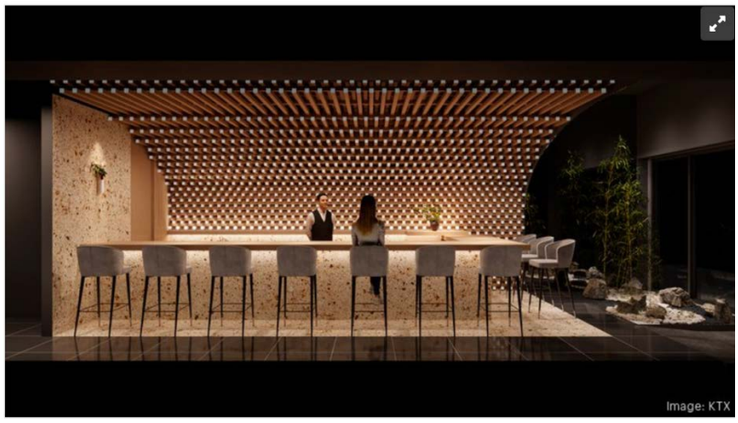
### Royale Pizza Napoletana

Royale Pizza Napoletana plans to open in fall 2026 on Miami Beach at 1680 Meridian Ave. The 65-seat restaurant is owned by banking entrepreneur and restaurateur Jess Varughese and will feature Tokyo-style Neapolitan pizza developed in partnership with Japanese pizzaiolo Chef Bun of Tokyo's Savoy restaurant. The concept will offer counter service, dine-in seating, takeout and delivery.

### Bakey

Bakey plans to open its first South Florida location on July 14 in Hallandale Beach at 668 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd. The bakery and café is owned by master baker and cookbook author Uri Scheft and his business partner, Amir Vadash, and will seat 50 guests indoors and 70 outdoors. The Hallandale Beach location is the company's sixth overall and will be followed by planned locations in Fort Lauderdale and Aventura.

**Takay**




A Japanese omakase concept is set to replace an Argentinian restaurant in Miami.

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Takay, a 10-seat omakase restaurant, plans to open July 10 in Miami at 1801 Coral Way. The 800-square-foot restaurant is owned by founding partners Glen Kotlyarski and Yoni Matz and will offer a 17-course omakase experience with seafood sourced from Japan and seasonal produce from local farms. Chef Glen Kotlyarski, formerly of Miami's Michelin-starred Hiden, leads the culinary program.

**Pura Vida Miami**




Pura Vida is opening a new location in Kendall.

PURA VIDA

Pura Vida Miami plans to open a new café on July 9 at Palms at Town and Country in Kendall at 8525 Mills Drive, Unit 301. The café is owned by husband-and-wife team Omer and Jennifer Horev and will be the brand's second Kendall location. Founded in Miami in 2012, Pura Vida Miami has grown to more than 50 locations across six states.

**Chilli Beans**




Dadeland Mall

NEW YORK FOCUS

Chilli Beans plans to open a new retail kiosk in July at Dadeland Mall in Miami, expanding the eyewear and accessories brand's Florida footprint. The U.S. expansion is led by World Bridge Brands, founded by Nathali Oliveira and Paulo Argollo, which plans to open 60 Chilli Beans locations nationwide by 2030. Founded in São Paulo, Brazil, in 1997, Chilli Beans operates more than 1,200 points of sale across 20 countries and also has a flagship store on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach.

**Little Miss Mahjong**




The Mall at Wellington Green

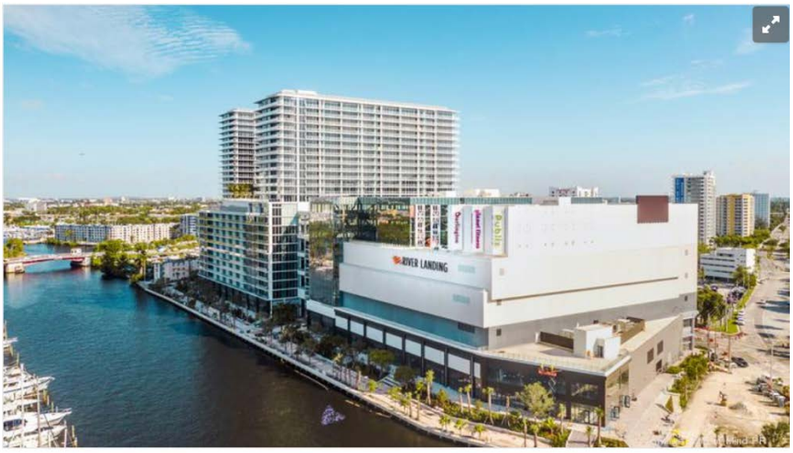
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Little Miss Mahjong opened at The Mall at Wellington Green on July 7, offering lessons, open play and private events centered on the tile-based game. The business, owned by Candice Drake, is located at 10300 W. Forest Hill Blvd. in Wellington, upstairs near the center elevators across from Pandora.

**RP Heat by Reforming Pilates**

Reforming Pilates announced July 7 that it plans to open two RP Heat Pilates studios in South Florida, including a 2,964-square-foot location in Boca Raton at 101 Via Mizner, Suite A100/101 and a 2,795-square-foot studio in Delray Beach at 2100 N. Federal Highway, Suite 102. The Delray Beach studio is expected to open in late summer 2026, followed by the Boca Raton location in early 2027. Reforming Pilates was founded by Genevieve and Daniel Ross, who launched the company in Miami in 2022.

**Midway Sports**




Miami River Landing, a mixed use development, offering residential, retail and commercial office space, on the Miami River.

TOP OF MIND PR

Midway Sports opened a 5,809-square-foot store on July 6 at River Landing Shops & Residences in Miami. The retailer, founded in Miami in 1975, is located at 1400 NW North River Drive within the mixed-use development, which is owned by Toronto-based H&R REIT and was

developed by Urban-X Group. Midway Sports sells athletic apparel, footwear and equipment from brands including Nike, Jordan and Under Armour.

**Sola Salon Studios**

Sola Salon Studios, a salon suite franchise, announced July 6 that it leased a 7,904-square-foot space at The Adderley in Fort Lauderdale at 501 NW Seventh Ave. Native Realty represented developer Altis Cardinal in the lease transaction for the mixed-use development, while Skyview Real Estate Partners represented the tenant.

**Whole Foods Market**




Whole Foods fresh seafood counter

GEORG BEYER

Whole Foods Market opened a 43,000-square-foot grocery store on July 2 in Doral at 10700 NW 41st St. The store is part of Amazon's Worldwide Grocery Stores division and carries more than 550 products from more than 125 Florida-based suppliers. The location also offers prepared foods, a full-service meat and seafood department, a bakery, wellness and beauty products, and grocery pickup service, which will be available shortly after opening.

**Kung Fu Chicken**




Kung Fu Chicken is expanding further in South Florida.

KUNG FU CHICKEN

Kung Fu Chicken announced July 1 that it plans to open its fourth South Florida location this fall in Kendall at 12536 SW 88th St. The 1,200-square-foot restaurant, owned by Chef Yu Bi and her husband and business partner, Dr. Tingjun Lei, will seat 30 guests and mark the fast-casual chain's fourth location in South Florida.

**Trustbridge Treasures Resale Shop**

Trustbridge Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Empath Trustbridge Hospice, opened its first Broward County store, Trustbridge Treasures Resale Shop, on June 25 in Fort Lauderdale. The store, at 905 E. Cypress Creek Road, is the 13th location in Empath Health's statewide Empath Resale network. The foundation said proceeds from the store will help fund uncompensated

patient care, family support services and workforce development programs across Palm Beach and Broward counties.

**MeTime**

MeTime, a Palm Beach County-based multi-unit salon operator, announced in June that it leased space at The Ray Shops in Delray Beach at 265 NE Second Ave. The salon will expand the brand's South Florida footprint at the mixed-use development, where it will join tenants including PopUp Bagels and Jetset Pilates. Palm Beach County-based Cohen Commercial Realty represented the tenant in the lease transaction.