

EATER 38

The Essential 38 Houston Restaurants, April 2014

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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. These restaurants aren't ranked in any particular order.

The new additions this time around include Corkscrew BBQ, Good Dog Houston, Cuchara and Confucius. We say farewell to Gatlin's, Moon Tower Inn, Connie's and Golden Dim Sum.

Hit the [tipline](#) if you have a serious gripe, or if there are any places you think we should add to the next Essential 38 update.



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GIACOMO'S CIBO E VINO

Another low-key spot that serves pasta made in-house, this restaurant really demonstrates not just what good Italian is, but what authentically exceptional Italian fare can be. And it manages to do so in a relaxed atmosphere, so you can focus exclusively on the food and warm service.

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