

EATER 38

The Essential 38 Houston Restaurants, October 2013

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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. They are not ranked in any particular order.

The new additions this time around include **Kasra, La Fisheria, Captain Tom's, Cove, Cafe Brussels, Korea Garden, Bistro Le Cep, Lucy Ethiopian, Da Marco** and **Al Aseel**. The spots we removed this time around include Triniti, Goode Company Seafood, Los Dos Amigos, Seoul Garden, Virgie's, Cafe Pita, Original Marini's, The Burger Guys, Shri Balaji Bhavan and Crawfish and Noodles.

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.

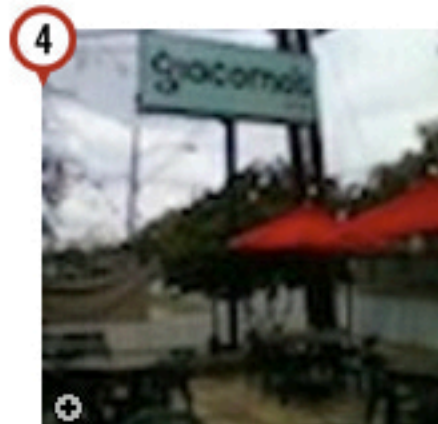
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GIACOMO'S CIBO E VINO

Another low-key spot that served 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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