



Ace Hotel



NEW ORLEANS

Spurred by new construction projects, trendy businesses are flocking to the South Market District.

Why Now: Once dotted with derelict office buildings and parking lots, the South Market District—a formerly abandoned corner of downtown New Orleans—is being revived with new multi-story towers offering a mix of residential and commercial space. It's now a magnet for cool hangouts, stylish shops, hot restaurants

by notable chefs and an ultrahip hotel. **Where to Go:** The area boasts the first Southern outpost of the Ace Hotel, located inside an art deco building that once housed a furniture store. Even nonguests can retreat to the buzzing rooftop pool or relax in the expansive lobby, evocative of a vintage library complete

with original terrazzo floors. At the attached boutiques Freda and Friend, you can shop for handcrafted gifts, jewelry and menswear. Or head out to Stonefree for women's fashions with a bohemian touch. Inspire your creativity by popping into the many art galleries dotting Julia Street or browse through the vast selection of art

and design books at The Stacks, an independent shop inside the Contemporary Arts Center. Later, pull up to the marble bar at Seaworthy and order some Gulf oysters and the restaurant's signature Holywater cocktail: a layered concoction of rum, cognac, green chartreuse and orgeat. For dinner, reserve a table at Maypop, where chef Michael Gulotta creates dishes that fuse Louisiana cuisine with Asian flavors. Try the hand-pulled noodles with blue crab and pork sausage in a spicy Sichuan-inspired sauce. — **MEREDITH BETHUNE**

HIT THE TOWN

- 📍 **Balise**
Enjoy exquisite cocktails and modern Creole cuisine by Justin Devillier.
- 📍 **Willa Jean**
Fried chicken is served all day at this Southern restaurant and bakery.
- 📍 **Drip Affogato Bar**
Hot coffee meets ice cream from Creole Creamery at this sleek spot.



Remail Modern

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Saskatoon's **Remail Modern** has made its mark as Canada's first modern-art museum, boasting a permanent collection of more than 8,000 works • Calvados, cider and cocktails are on the menu at **Coupette**, a recent French-themed bar addition to Bethnal Green in London • The dream team of chef Tasuku Murakami, architect Peter Marino and Major Food Group has opened the gorgeous Japanese resto **The Lobster Club** in NYC's iconic Seagram Building • Secluded hillside suites with private plunge pools are part of the luxe offerings at the newly renovated **Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo** • NYC chef April Bloomfield has become bicoastal with the November launch of **The Hearth & Hound** eatery in LA.



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