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Bangkok's Best New Hot Spots

T+L takes a tour of Bangkok to find the best new hot spots in town.

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Food

Bangkok's chefs are taking cues from the city's regionally driven street-food scene and bringing those diverse flavors to upscale tables around town. In the Thonglor neighborhood, **Soul Food Mahanakorn** (56/10 Soi 55, Sukhumvit Rd.; 66-2/714-7708; dinner for two \$30) uses free-range meat and organic produce in dishes such as *khao mok gai*, Thai Muslim-style chicken biryani served with a mint-cilantro-ginger sauce. A few blocks away in a charming shop-house, **Phuket Town** (160/8 Soi 55, Sukhumvit Rd.; 66-2/714-9402; dinner for two \$25) focuses on the fiery cooking of southern Thailand. A standout: fat rice noodles with yellow crab curry. For a sampling of the north's more subtle, herb-scented cuisine, head to **Gedhawa** (24 Soi 35, Sukhumvit Rd.; 66-2/662-0501; dinner for two \$20), where rough-hewn wooden tables and silk lanterns set the stage for Chiang Mai classics such as *khao soi* (egg noodles with chicken curry) and *sai ooua* (pork sausage). At **Sra Bua by Kiin Kiin** (Siam Kempinski Hotel, 991/9 Rama I Rd.; 66-2/162-9000; dinner for two \$150), Danish chef Henrik Yde-Andersen and partner Lertchai Treetawatchaiwong use liquid nitrogen to present frozen red curry with lobster, while seafood-flavored jellies make up a deconstructed *tom yum* soup. At the equally inventive **Gaggan** (68/1 Soi Langsuan; 66-2/652-1700; dinner for two \$100), Ferran Adria disciple Gaggan Anand spherifies cumin-spiked yogurt and blankets oysters with citrus black-salt foam in a colonial-style house near Lumpini Park.

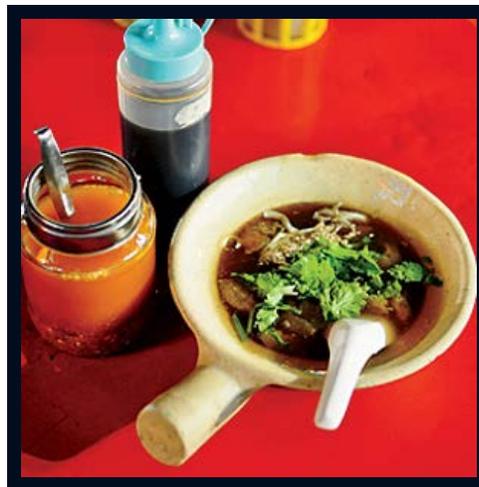


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