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Best New RESTAURANTS

including our
TOP PICK OF THE YEAR

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If a visiting foodie wants to experience the au courant vision of Atlanta restaurant design, take them to 4th and Swift. Situated in the restored Southern Dairies complex at the edge of the Old Fourth Ward, it typifies the ATL's enduring love for industrial-chi. Towering rafters, wooden beams, and craggy exposed brick blend with a slick bar and a stylishly arranged dining room that feels equally appropriate for date night or business dinners. Chef/owner Jay Swift's New American comfort food has become more assured and less complicated in the restaurant's inaugural year. He offers two menus: one that revolves four times a year with the seasons, and a nightly changing lineup that utilizes the freshest ingredients in light-handed ways.

MUST-TRY DISHES: Braised, pot-roast-like oxtails with herb gnocchi; butter lettuce salad with grilled peaches, shaved manchego, and sherry vinaigrette; lamb loin chop with braised shoulder, harissa, and yogurt; vanilla-orange bombe.

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North Georgia apple and crispy brussel sprout salad