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# THE RADAR JET SET

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## BITES OF PASSAGE *From Vegas to Provence, hotel restaurants roll out the red carpet for celebrity chefs and designers*

### LAS VEGAS: CUT

**THE BUZZ:** Housed in the new Palazzo, this offshoot of Wolfgang Puck's contemporary chophouse serves five-star steaks to a high-rolling crowd. **THE LOOK:** Bronzed mirrors and lamp-lit leather-topped tables provide a hint of old-school charm, while a basket-woven felt wall and white limestone floors capture the essence of right now without the stark coldness of the original Cut in Beverly Hills. **THE ULTIMATE DISH:** Kagoshima Prefecture Wagyu beef. *The Palazzo*, 3325 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, 702.607.6300, [www.wolfgangpuck.com](http://www.wolfgangpuck.com).

### LAS VEGAS: RESTAURANT CHARLIE

**THE BUZZ:** Joining Puck at The Palazzo, Chicago's legendary Charlie Trotter returns to the Strip, placing his bets on seafood this time. (A previous run at MGM in the '90s ended almost immediately after it opened, because Trotter allegedly was none too pleased with the quality of his clientele.) **THE LOOK:** With a color palette of celadon blue and earthy browns, the dining room hints, very subtly, at the idea of being beneath the sea. **THE ULTIMATE DISH:** Poached Maine lobster in yellow curry with lotus root. *The Palazzo*, 3325 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, 702.607.6336, [www.charlietrotters.com](http://www.charlietrotters.com).

### PARIS: LE DALÍ

**THE BUZZ:** Complementing his Michelin-three-star Le Meurice at the spectacular Hotel Le Meurice, chef Yannick Alléno has just debuted Le Dalí, inspired by the hotel's most infamous former guest. The whimsical menu offers dishes either "Sans" (stripped down) or "100 Percent" (gussied up), playing to our obsessions with both minimalism and hedonism. **THE LOOK:** Paris-based celebrity designer Philippe Starck has preserved the grandeur of

BY LOOK OR BY COOK *Clockwise from left: Le Dalí, Paris; Apsleys, London; Restaurant Charlie, Las Vegas.*



the landmark hotel with regal shades of gold and ochre while infusing the space with such Dalí-esque touches as a lamp with drawers, and a seat in the form of a lady's shoe. **THE ULTIMATE DISH:** "Hamburger sans chef," cheekily named to illustrate the point that it doesn't take a culinary genius to make a great burger. *Hotel Le Meurice*, Paris, 011.33.144.58.10.10, [www.lemeurice.com](http://www.lemeurice.com).

### PROVENCE: LE CLOITRE

**THE BUZZ:** Michelin-starred chef Philippe Guerin translates Southern France's bounty at the just-opened Hotel Le Couvent des Minimes, a former convent turned luxury hotel with an outdoor terrace surrounded by fields of lavender. Years in the making, this hotel (and restaurant) promises to be the hottest thing to arrive in Provence in quite some time. **THE LOOK:** Elegant, understated shades of gray and plum allow the surrounding fields to speak for themselves. **THE ULTIMATE DISH:** "Half-salted" crispy cod with rosemary, marinated peppers and squid. *Hotel Le Couvent des Minimes*, Mane en Provence, France, 011.33.492.74.77.77, [www.alliance-lille.com](http://www.alliance-lille.com).

### LONDON: APSLEYS

**THE BUZZ:** The smart Hyde Park Lanesborough hotel has done away with its oh-so-Anglo Conservatory and made way for Apsleys, a traditional Italian restaurant for the chauffeured set. **THE LOOK:** Electing to keep the former space's signature glass conservatory roof, acclaimed Italian designer Adam Tihany has pumped the interior with rich woods and contrasting geometric shapes to give it a sophisticated, modern vibe. **THE ULTIMATE DISH:** Carved tableside, the hearty steak Fiorentina with bone-marrow sauce will help you fight off the London chill. *The Lanesborough*, London, U.K., 011.44.20.7259.5599, [www.lanesborough.com](http://www.lanesborough.com). 