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CHARCUTERIE Cool Quarters



Kampong Glam is shaping up to be the hot new restaurant hood with the opening of boutique hotel Vagabond and its cured meats restaurant **Fifth Quarter** (39 Syed Alwi Rd., www.5thquarter.com.sg). Chef Drew Nocente, formerly of W Singapore's Skirt, takes the helm to blend modern Australian flavors with traditional Italian cured meats. Expect in-house specialties like rum-cured pork belly, salt & pepper tripe and charcuterie like salami, salsiccia and lardo on the menu. But it's not all about cold cuts. There are hot plates of barramundi with sunchoke and Josper-grilled meats at this opulent jewel-colored space.

EUROPEAN Flying Solo



Chef Stephan Zoisl has finally struck it out on his own with **Chef's Table** (61 Tras St., 6224-4188, www.chefstable. sg), a kitchen and bar serving modern European food. The intimate space is like stepping into his private kitchen, with a large 12-seater communal table near the buzzing open kitchen. It works on degustation-style menus of three-, four-, six- and eight-course dinners (\$68-150) based on the freshest seasonal produce. One dish, in particular, stands out: Doughnut Pte Ltd (\$18), donuts fried in duck fat with duck confit, poached egg, apple cider-infused jus and braised shallots—but be warned, there are only eight portions a night.

AMERICAN Poe Approved



The folks behind H.O.D or House of Dandy have branched out into the restaurant scene with their new Chijmes addition. Located in a dim and cavernous space of the heritage building's basement, **Raven** (#B1-01/02 Chijmes, 30 Victoria St., 8798-2724, raven.sg) is a self-proclaimed New Americas restaurant serving Northern and Southern American food with an Asian twist. As per the trend, it's got small plates like steamed little neck clams (\$16) in bacon dashi and fried chorizo croquettes (\$13) with jalapeno vinaigrette. If you're looking for bigger plates, the sleek restaurant also has items like herb-crusted rack of lamb (\$37) and a burger (\$22) with chipotle, avocado and chorizo cream.