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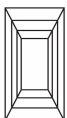


Curious where Chicago's insiders are eating and drinking? It's easy to spot lines out the door, but some underlying trends are harder to see.

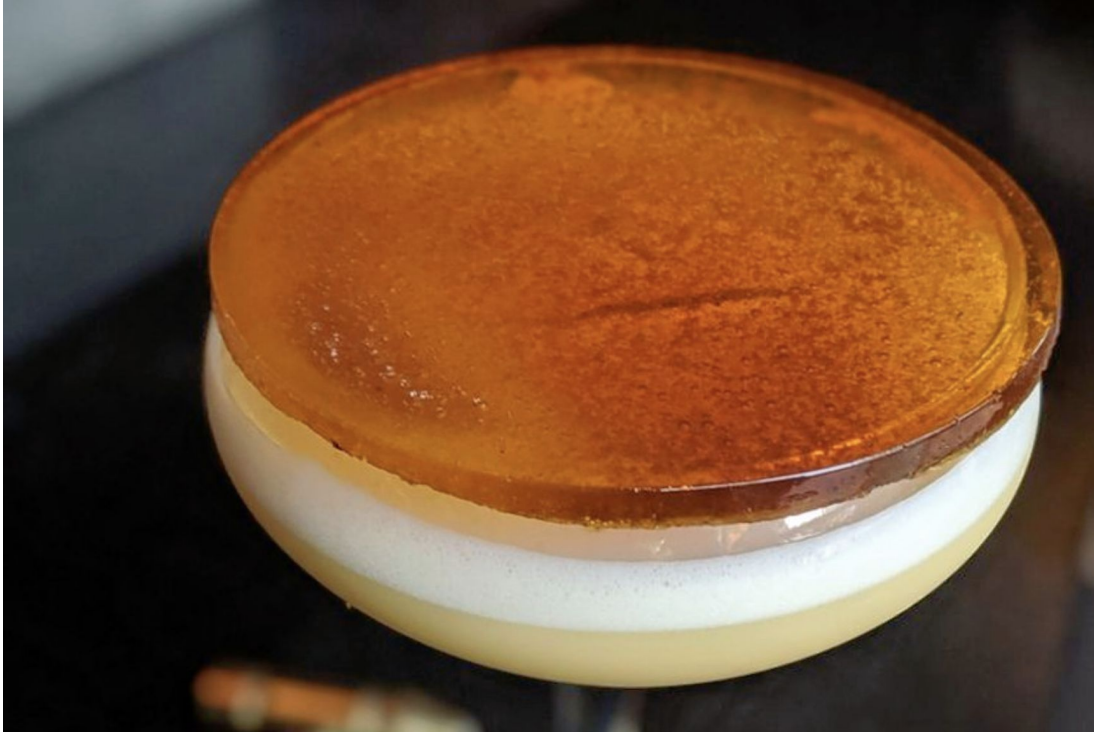
We took a data-driven look at the question, using [Yelp](#) to deduce which restaurants have been most discussed this month.

To find out who made the list, we looked at Chicago businesses on Yelp by category and counted how many reviews each received. Rather than compare them based on number of reviews alone, we calculated a percentage increase in reviews over the past month, and tracked businesses that consistently increased their volume of reviews to identify statistically significant outliers compared to past performance.

Read on to see which spots are sizzling hot this summer.



Machine: Engineered Dining & Drink



Open since March, this bar and New American spot, which offers desserts, cocktails and more, is trending compared to other businesses categorized as "American (New)" on Yelp.

Citywide, New American spots saw a median 2 percent increase in new reviews over the past month, but [Machine: Engineered Dining & Drink](#) saw a 48.5 percent increase, maintaining a mixed 3.5-star rating throughout.

It's not the only trending outlier in the New American category: [Hampton Social](#) has seen a 10.8 percent increase in reviews, and [The Madison Bar and Kitchen](#) has seen a 5.7 percent bump.

Located at 1846 W. Division St. (between Marion Court and Wolcott Avenue) in Wicker Park, Machine offers world cuisine for brunch, lunch and dinner from chef Trevor Hoyte. Notable items include shrimp and grits, grilled cheese and French toast (it comes with caramelized banana, toasted hazelnut, chocolate, coconut powder and Vermont maple syrup). Try cocktails like Breaking Brulee, which is made with aged rum, strawberry, vanilla bean, egg and bruleed crust.

