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BEST OF THE CITY 2008

TOP 10 MOST-ANTICIPATED OPENINGS

Just when it seemed Chicago's restaurant scene had reached its peak—with some weighty James Beard awards to back it up—along comes a slew of new openings for 2008. Start salivating now!

1. C-HOUSE Big-name chef Marcus Samuelsson (NYC's Aquavit) comes to Chicago with this seafood spot. *Affinia Hotel, 166 E. Superior St.*

3. ARTISANAL BISTRO & WINE BAR This NYC import offers 100 handcrafted cheeses and charcuterie. *Opening on Michigan Avenue.*

4. JACKSON PARK BAR AND GRILL Chef Jason Paskewitz serves up "Chicago cuisine." While we're not sure what that means, we're sure it will be delicious. *444 N. Wabash, 312.644.7200.*

5. L.20 While the name is confusing, the concept isn't: elegant seafood prepared by award-winning chef Laurent Gras and served in the old Ambria space. *2300 N. Lincoln Park West.*

6. MERCAT A LA PLANXA Chicago native Jose Garces has been wowing Philly with Spanish cuisine. Now we get to see what the fuss is about. *638 S. Michigan Ave., 312.765.0524.*

7. PERENNIAL The views of Lincoln Park from Perennial's sidewalk café are nice; chef Giuseppe Tentori's (Trotter alum, BOKA) food is sure to be even better. *1800 N. Lincoln Ave.*

8. SIXTEEN Chef Frank Brunacci's American cuisine promises to, um, trump the 16th-floor views. *Trump Tower, 401 N. Wabash, 312.924.7600.*

9. TAKASHI Chef Takashi Yagihashi (Ambria, Tribute) gets intimate with this neighborhood spot. *1952 N. Damen Ave., 773.772.6170.*

10. ROCKIT PART DEUX The Rockit boys bring Asian flavors to River North in this yet-to-be named spot. *110 W. Illinois St., 312.943.7600.*