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A full-day of meals is now available at Two Mules Cantina at Texican Court in Irving.

New Eats

Two Mules Cantina, the popular restaurant and bar within Valencia Group’s new Texican Court in Irving, is now open to the public for breakfast, dinner, happy hour and weekend brunch. Executive chef Patrick Hildebrandt’s menu showcases Southwestern-inspired dishes, including El Paso eggs Benedict, chilaquiles, breakfast tortas, smoked barbacoa mini tostadas, cochinita pibil and torta Cubana.

Guests can dine inside or outside and enjoy live music most weekends. A large fireplace, specialty margaritas and Western décor with modern elements all add to the sophisticated and comfortable setting. True to its Southwestern theme of big, bold and zesty flavors, Texican Court also has an on-site specialty tequila bar that serves up craft cocktails in a cozy fire-lit space adjacent to the reflecting pool.

Located across the street from the Irving Convention Center and Toyota Music Factory, Texican Court has 152 retro-inspired rooms, 3,500 square feet of indoor meeting and event space, three distinct courtyards, a circular-style pool, and large, wood-burning fire pits. The hotel’s design features Spanish mission-style architecture with a subtle layer of Texas, making it a unique blend of Mexican and the Lone Star State cultures. texicancourt.com



Mokara Hotel and Spa recently unveiled its Tejas Boardroom.

Omni’s New Looks, New Spaces

The 378-room **Omni Houston Hotel** has reopened its doors following a \$30 million renovation that elevates the guest experience. Designers took inspiration from the local flavor and aesthetic for a new take on “modern Texas.” The lobby features a moss wall behind three copper reception desks, providing guests a warm welcome. The first-floor La Reserve whiskey lounge pays homage to Houston’s history, and **COMMONCOLOR**—a high-end retail venue—features treasures from What Goes Around Comes Around and showcases vintage handbags and jewelry from Chanel, Hermés, Louis Vuitton and more. In addition, the Lobby Library offers guests an inviting atmosphere in which to relax after a day of meetings. Meeting spaces on the first and second floors were redesigned and include an additional 2,500 square feet of flexible meeting space.

Following its own renovation this past fall, San Antonio’s **Mokara Hotel & Spa**, another Omni property, announced the opening of the Tejas Boardroom, a new, 222-square-foot space for meetings inspired by the Spanish history of San Antonio. The room features rich, tall-back Spanish-inspired carved leather chairs gathered around a state-of-the-art conference table with power sources and connection to a new large screen television. omnihotels.com

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Wolfgang Puck Goes Off-site

Wolfgang Puck Catering has expanded into the Houston market for catering off-premise corporate and social events. In addition to off-site gatherings, Wolfgang Puck is the preferred caterer for venues, such as The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, The Corinthian, White Oak Music Hall and Station 3. wolfgangpuck.com/catering

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