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Openings around the South ↓

KAIROS

Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Chef John Ondo, formerly of Lana in downtown Charleston, has opened fast-casual Kairos, serving up roasted lamb and baba ganoush in Mount Pleasant, giving downtown-dwelling Charlestonians another reason to head over the bridge. Take a cue from the restaurant's name, an ancient Greek word for "supreme moment," and seize the lunch hour with a falafel on the go.

HENLEY

Nashville, Tennessee

Nashville's food culture has grown right alongside the music scene it's known for, and chef RJ Cooper has jumped onboard with his latest restaurant venture. The former DC chef crafted a menu that explores local Tennessee bounty. Gather your friends and go in on one of the communal meals, served family-style.

WHISKEY BIRD

Atlanta, Georgia

Japanese meets Southern fare at this new Atlanta spot. The standout section of the menu: yakitori. Traditionally Japanese grilled chicken, here it's a variety of proteins like pork belly, charred octopus, or shiitake mushrooms skewered and served by the piece. Order a few to pair with a Japanese whiskey—there are more than a dozen to choose from.

PRESIDIO

Houston, Texas

Fall means outdoor weather in Texas, and Presidio has a patio suited for eating al fresco. The menu boasts an extensive selection of vegetable-forward small plates and uncomplicated entrées—a burger with onion bacon jam and whole grain mustard—listed alongside more adventurous choices like pork collar with charred tomato romesco.