

A Design Lover's Guide to Chicago

Local designers weigh in on their favorite under-the-radar hotspots.

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Le Colonial

This Vietnamese-inspired Gold Coast restaurant moved to new digs in 2019 and refreshed its interiors with design firm [Knauer](#) with distinctive, artisan-crafted decorative tiles reminiscent of the original Rush Street location, antique mirrors and light fixtures, and handmade wicker dining chairs. “It’s an all-time favorite,” says Chicago designer [Alexandra Kaehler](#). “The food is always perfection, and it doesn’t hurt that the newly redesigned interiors are drop dead gorgeous as well.” Echoes Chicago designer [Andrea Goldman](#), “I love a neighborhood classic, and Le Colonial is an institution.”

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