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NOW OPEN: S3 ON FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH

After years of planning and months of delay, Fort Lauderdale's newest beachfront restaurant opened its doors to the general public on May 9. Owned by the Restaurant People — the group that owns YOLO, Vibe, and Tarpon Bend — S3 brings a chic atmosphere with creative, global eclectic cuisine and cocktails to the beach.

Situated at ground level directly across from the beach, the oceanfront spot offers guests unparalleled views of the water — the entire restaurant has been stacked to allow for waterfront views from every table.

Taking cues from high-end resorts in the South Pacific, the décor is filled with Southeast Asian-inspired influences. Textures vary from cool gray slate walls to warm wood and cork accents to bamboo light fixtures and warm grass cloth. In a fashion similar to the group's other upscale dining establishment, YOLO, the outdoor patio is filled with a full-service dining area, outdoor bar, and lounge with fire pits. The open kitchen mimics the Asian feel of the rest of the interior. Set up with an open chef's-table-type bar, the entire kitchen has been sunk down to allow full view for the guests.

The food is global eclectic with a wide range of flavors and ingredients. With a wood-burning oven, wood grill, two sauté stations, and a sushi station, the restaurant offers a selection of small plates, large plates, and weekend brunch.

"It's been a long journey to get to this point," said the Restaurant People's Peter Boulukos. "When I moved to Fort Lauderdale at 22 years old, I lived just two blocks away from here. To be opening a place in this spot is huge."

S3 is located on the ground floor of the Hilton Beach Resort, 505 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. Call 954-523-SURF. **SARA VENTIERA**

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