



DELISH DESSERTS



SEXY SUSHI



SWANKY STEAKS



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BONUS

200+
PLACES
TO DINE

Indianapolis

MONTHLY

50 best restaurants

Here it is—*the* list. Read 'em and eat.

AND DINING OUT, ATKINS STYLE • CELEBRATING BIG NIGHTS

ELEMENTS:
Restaurant of
the Year

PLUS

WHAT IT'S
LIKE TO ♥ A
RACECAR DRIVER

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OY! MY SON,
THE DOCTOR

THE KILLER
WHO MADE
ME HIS
CONFIDANTE

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IN CELEBRATION OF THE
LOCALLY OWNED EATERIES THAT GIVE OUR
CITY ITS DISTINCTIVE FLAVOR.

Elements

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

WHY Greg Hardesty and Mike Sylvia have fashioned one of the few restaurants in town that feel big-city. Their Mass Ave newcomer runs on all cylinders, pairing a warm, hospitable, contemporary space with precise California cuisine and gracious, unflappable service. A commitment to pure flavors infuses every bite. **THE SCENE** Urban professionals and diehard foodies fill a long, narrow dining room drenched in hues of russet, pumpkin and spruce. **FAVORITE DISH** Flounder piccata with fennel, spinach and caperberry sauce. **MUST-ORDER** The apple, radish and beet salads—seasonal heirloom produce is the key. **BEST DESSERT** Crumbly financier cake. **BEST-KEPT SECRET** Lunch is every bit as good as dinner, and you're much more likely to snag a table without a reservation. **BEST PLACE TO SIT** Front corner booth—somewhat tucked away but with a view of the entire room and the streetscape outside. **THE SERVICE** Staff members know their stuff yet don't draw attention to themselves. **DON'T MISS** It sounds strange, but be sure to check out the restroom wastebaskets with their Zen-like slow-mo lid action—a testament to Elements' consideration of every last detail.

