



PROSPERITY STARTS WITH PLACE

2024 PURPOSE BUILT COMMUNITIES NATIONAL CONFERENCE



LIST OF RECOMMENDED BIRMINGHAM AREA RESTAURANTS

DOWNTOWN

- [Helen Restaurant](#) (American/Farm-to-table) – Family-style restaurant; farm-to-table. Great American Southern fare.
- [EastWest Kitchen Bar](#) (Asian Fusion) - offers an interesting take on Asian fusion cuisine, including entrees like Chinese duck nachos.
- [La Fresca](#) (Italian) – Northern Italian cuisine with excellent wine list
- [The Essential](#) (French Inspired) - French and Italian-inspired dishes and decor
- [Carrigan's](#) (American Bar Food) – Strictly 21+ establishment. Upstairs, patio seating with excellent bar food and beer.
- [Yo Mama's*](#) (Soul food) – Black-owned soul food restaurant located downtown
- [Bocca Ristorante](#) (Italian) - Italian restaurant located downtown
- [Shu Shop](#) (Ramen/Japanese) - Ramen/Japanese restaurant; GREAT RAMEN
- [Michael's Steak and Seafood*](#) (American/Soul food) - Nice rooftop views and an excellent menu
- [Trattoria Zaza](#) (Pizza/Italian) - Casual restaurant with great pizza and Italian dishes
- [Cayo Coco](#) (Cuban) – Rum Bar with traditional Cuban and tropical dishes

HIGHLANDS/FIVE POINTS

- [Galley and Garden](#) (Eclectic American) - Voted “Most Romantic Restaurant in Alabama;” locally sourced ingredients.
- [Bottega](#) (Italian)—Getting a reservation here is tough, so the best option is to try to get in line for the café
- [Bay Leaf Modern Indian Cuisine](#) (Indian) - Traditional Indian Cuisine in a casual setting
- [Chez Fon Fon](#) (French) - Casual French-inspired restaurant
- [Surin West](#) (Thai) – Great Thai food located in the heart of the bar and entertainment district

PEPPER PLACE/LAKESIDE

- [Automatic Seafood and Oysters](#) (Seafood) - James Beard Award Winner: 2022, Best Chef of the South
- [Blueprint on 3rd](#) (Southern) - Polished-casual American brasserie
- [Hot and Hot Fish Club](#) (Seafood) - Chris Hastings, James Beard Best Chef in the South, 2012; great seafood.
- [Ovenbird](#) (American) - Live-fire dishes inspired by Spain, Uruguay, Argentina, and America

AVONDALE

- [Post Office Pies](#) (Pizza) - Wood-fire pizzas with lots of selections
- [SAWs Soul Kitchen](#) (Barbecue) - Great barbecue with various options and large serving sizes

UPTOWN

- [Southern Kitchen](#) (American/Southern) - Nice restaurant with Southern-inspired entrees and good barbecue selections
- [Eugene's Hot Chicken*](#) (Southern) - The best Nashville Hot Chicken in the South (Damon's opinion)

*Black-Owned