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It's been an exciting year for Toronto's dining scene. From farm-to-table to modern Cantonese, and fried chicken to smoked sweetbreads, the city's restaurants are gaining international recognition for their progressive cuisine. Grab your phones - here's a list of the hottest restaurants worth checking out.



Drake 150

Queen West hipster-laced Drake makes a splash in the core, bringing the cool to the Financial District with Drake One Fifty. Designed by British designer Martin Brudnizki, the expansive space features artwork by Douglas Coupland, cork ceilings and a 360-degree bar, and is complemented by chef Ted Corrado's bistro menu. Eat through a daily raw bar, pizzas from the wood-fired oven and luxury items like the côte de beouf, whole-grilled fish and seasonal seafood platter that are designed for sharing. Power-lunch-popular hits include the short-rib burger, rotisserie chicken, and the signature liver and onions.

Why it's hot: Drake 150 brings the same charm and excitement that made the Queen West bar an instant hit. It's a beautifully designed space with plenty of eye candy and a killer cocktail menu.

Must order: Dorset Ontario Lamb (\$28), liver and onions (\$26)

Insider tip: Call ahead to avoid disappointment, the restaurant is packed daily but oftentimes cancellations are released just before dinner time.

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