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It's the Perfect Time of Year



Before the Resolutions ...

A punch list of ultra-rich dishes and splashy spirits to enjoy before 2013 conscientiousness takes effect



○ Burger topped with foie gras (above) at **Old Town Whiskey**. *The Saguaro, Drinkwater Blvd. & Indian School Rd.*

○ Scallops with corn risotto and bacon-fennel relish at **Rancho Pinot**. *Lincoln Village, 6208 N. Scottsdale Rd.*

○ Grits and shrimp with smoked-pork glaze at **The House Old Town Brasserie**. *6936 E. Main St.*

○ Huitlacoche (a corn fungus!) with pomegranate sauce at **Los Sombreros**. *2534 N. Scottsdale Rd.*

○ Red velvet pancakes at two locations of **The Herb Box**. *www.theherbbox.com*

○ Chocolate waffles topped with shredded bacon (below) at **Proof**. *Four Seasons, 10600 E. Crescent Moon Dr., 480.513.5085*



○ Haute Holiday (above left): Muscat dessert wine, St-Germain Elderflower liqueur, Prosecco and a maraschino cherry at four Valley **Fleming's**. *www.flemingssteakhouse.com*

○ Almond Joy martini: vanilla vodka, coconut rum, chocolate liqueur and coconut shavings at **Blue Martini**. *CityCenter of CityNorth, Loop 101 & 56th St.*

○ Peter Rabbit: Pimm's, muddled basil, lemon juice, and a pickled baby carrot at **Searsucker**. *6900 E. Camelback Rd.*

○ Goddess Elixir (below): Herradura Suprema Extra Añejo tequila, 100-year-old Grand Marnier, agave nectar and fresh-pressed citrus, prepared tableside at **La Hacienda**. *Fairmont Scottsdale Princess, 7575 E. Princess Dr.*



Have Dinner Half-Outdoors

Not everyone can eat outside comfortably in December, but *you can*. Many restaurants in the Valley of the Sun are built with roll-up glass doors or "pocket" patio doors, so access and sightlines are seamless—and hundreds of patios have heaters and sound systems to ensure constant creature comforts.

To be able to boast to the folks at home, consider:

- lump crab cakes with succotash at open-sided **Ocean Prime** (pictured), *CityCenter of CityNorth, Loop 101 & 56th St., 480.347.1313*
- a plank of savory bruschetta at the original **Postino**, *40th St. & Campbell, 602.852.3939*
- thin-crust pizzas at retractable-walled **Grazie**, *6952 E. Main St., 480.663.9797*
- a bowl of silky cauliflower or pumpkin soup at **St. Francis**, *111 E. Camelback Rd., 602.200.8111*
- a satay trio at the perpetually open bar at **Sapporo**, *14344 N. Scottsdale Rd., 480.607.1114*

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