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MIKA: A Mediterranean Escape in the Heart of Coral Gables

By Lily Cope

n the newly opened Plaza Coral Gables, near the historic Biltmore Hotel, MIKA is quickly becoming a standout, despite being only six months old. Since opening in December 2024, the restaurant has earned buzz for its refined Mediterranean menu, elevated ambiance, and dedication to top-tier ingredients.

by Executive Chef Paul Led Keyser-a 'Jersey Shore' native with experience at Atlantis in the Bahamas and the Fontainebleau in Miami-MI-KA is the result of a collaboration with acclaimed chef Michael White and the Mocca Group. And while they might make it sound like somewhere you'd only go for a special occasion, "it's a neighborhood restaurant where we really know our guests," says Keyser. "People come to relax and experience food made with care."

Designed by Mocca Group, MIKA's interior features travertine stone, natural wood, warm lighting, and olive branches—creating a calming, transportive atmosphere. A curated art collection and 12-seat bar add to





tion.

MIKA's menu blends northern Italian MIKA offers both indulgence and and southern French influences, with a strong focus on seafood. "It's ingre-"Letting each element shine." Partnering with Samuels Seafood Co., Keyser invites locals to enjoy a taste of MIKA sources items like G1 langoustines from Australia, Dutch Dover Sole, wild Mexican grouper, and New Caledonian blue prawns.

Signature dishes include:

- Tuna tartare with Japanese milk Whether you're in for a quick bite or a bread and Osetra caviar
- Sashimi-grade tuna carpaccio
- Whole bronzino with Salmoriglio vinaigrette and toasted breadcrumbs



the space's understated sophistica- . Seasonal standouts like Hiramasa, flown in fresh

accessibility. The bar balances high-end options with budget-friendly dient-driven cooking," says Keyser. wines and cocktails. This summer's Miami Spice prix fixe menu (\$65) at an unbeatable price.

> What makes MIKA truly special is its clean, thoughtful cooking and commitment to quality sourcing. "Every ingredient has intention," says Keyser.

> long, leisurely dinner, MIKA offers a refreshing escape in the heart of Coral Gables.

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Striking Gold in the Gulf:

How Texas Gold Wild-Caught Gulf Shrimp is Redefining an Industry

A long the shores of Brownsville and Port Isabel, shrimping isn't just a business — it's a way of life. For decades, the Gulf of Mexico has been a cradle of hard work, innovation, and craftsmanship. Few embody that spirit as distinctly as Texas Gold Shrimp.

Founded on the legacy of Marine Mart in 1952, Texas Gold's roots run deep. Walter Zimmerman, a determined engineer with a vision for something better, built his first shrimp boat in 1961. By 1999, he had constructed over 300 vessels — shaping not just a company, but an entire industry's approach to shrimping. Today, Texas Gold remains a family-run operation, carrying forward a tradition that values precision, resilience, and pride in every catch.

But tradition alone doesn't keep a fleet thriving in modern waters. Texas Gold has reimagined Gulf shrimping by investing in fuel-efficient vessels, achieving a remarkable 20% reduction in fuel consumption — a quiet revolution in an industry often slow to change. Their commitment to innovation marries environmental stewardship with operational excellence, setting a new standard for what responsible fishing can look like.

Their shrimp, famed for their



robust, sweet flavor, tell the story best. Each catch is carefully headed immediately on the boat and flash-frozen in rigid, plastic baskets — an old-school dedication to freshness, paired with modern techniques that preserve the delicate texture Gulf shrimp are known for. The results are unmistakable: shrimp that taste as if they were caught just hours ago, no matter where they're enjoyed.

Every detail — from the maintenance of the boats to the meticulous processing at a single, tightly-run facility — speaks to Texas Gold's philosophy: consistency, quality, and care at every step. Available year-round in an array of sizes, Texas Gold Shrimp is not just another product of the Gulf — it's a symbol of what happens when heritage meets forward-thinking innovation.

In a world where food often feels disconnected from its source, Texas Gold offers something increasingly rare: a product that reflects the hands, history, and heart of the place it comes from.







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