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WATER GRILL
111 N. Vermont Ave., Beverly Hills
➤ Weighty matters don't require a heavy meal. The alternative? A low bar and some of the city's finest seafood dishes (many using sustainable fish) from chef David LeFevre.

ORCHON
1215 Colorado St., Brentwood
➤ Little Tokyo's spiciest ramen shop is just the place to flex your chopstick skills, while the seasonal Special #2 makes your colleague sweat. A bowl costs less than \$7.

CIUDAD
445 N. Palmwood Dr., Brentwood
➤ In Mary Sue Miliken and Susan Feiger's ultra-modern, upscale Latin American restaurant, order a Cuban sandwich with Neiman Ranch pork or crispy potato taco—plus a cookie—for \$10.

BOUCHON
111 N. Vermont Ave., Beverly Hills
➤ Thomas Keller guides the menu of heavenly French staples. Good luck making it back to the office after it enrique meadens with L.A.'s local french fries.

THE GRILL ON THE ALLEY
5045 Dayton Way, Beverly Hills
➤ Peek over the booths to see who might be buying that shot into a feature, or eat like the fish already a classic, with a medley of steak and shrimp cocktail.

THE IVY
111 N. Robertson Blvd., L.A.
➤ On the paparazzi-swarmed patio, you'll get more attention than the grilled chicken salad and the wood-fired pizza, but those chocolate chip cookies just might steal the spotlight.

MR. CHOW
344 N. Camden Dr., Beverly Hills
➤ You could walk from your agent's office—if you do that sort of thing. Try the Emperor's crab, Beijing-style duck, and Mr. Chow noodles, with schmoozing on the side.

FROM WILLIAM MORRIS?
1010 Commonwealth Blvd., Century City
➤ If it's still a few weeks until playday, Craft's front patio boasts sexy cabanas and beer-grilled small plates such as crispy pork belly and burrito flatwoods.

CRAFTBAR
1010 Commonwealth Blvd., Century City
➤ In the shadow of CAA, the economic slowdown is nowhere in sight. Chef Tom Colicchio has a way with big proteins like hanger steak and Jersey Farms duck.

CANTER'S
401 N. Fairview Ave., L.A.
➤ The ultimate dot lunch: here on eye, black-and-white cookies, and snappy waffles. If you think it'll help get the creative juices flowing, make it a playful lunch at the bar in back.

LEMONADE
101 N. Vermont Ave., Beverly Hills
➤ Dine on corned beef sandwiches, lamb tagines, and quinoa salads at this contemporary outpost of an international buffet. The spacious patio lined with greenery is as sunny as it is hip.

FARMERS MARKET
6105 W. 162nd St., L.A.
➤ For the indecisive, the shade-covered food stalls at the 3rd and Fairfax landmarks' landmark bring everything from moles frites to pizza to enchiladas.

SWEETSALT FOOD SHOP
10200 Riverside Dr., Inglewood
➤ Come noon, it's hard to find a seat among the hubs enjoying sandwiches with fancy cheeses, salads with roasted veggies, and bacon-topped popcorn.

HUCKLE-BERRY
1014 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica
➤ Zoe Nathan bakes all the breads for her cafe's California-fresh sandwiches (which inspired the one on our cover), but her soups ready come in the pantries.

TENDER GREENS
8023 Culver Blvd., Culver City
➤ Lettuce is just the start. Find flatiron steaks, soups like roma tomato and basil, and yes, impressive salads—dubbed "simple" or "big."

M CAFE DE CHAVA
1119 Hollywood Ave., Hollywood
➤ Experience innovative vegetarian cuisine from this macrobiotic mecca. Go for health with avocado rolls and tangy tempah wraps.

DRAGO GENTRO
1215 N. Vermont Ave., Brentwood
➤ This ode to Italian cuisine is both unpretentious and upscale. Too early to dine into the opposite tower or wine? Tuck into the pepperoni of Japanese breaded.

VEGGIE GRILL
1101 N. Vermont Ave., Beverly Hills
➤ Who says meat-free means comfort food? The beer-baked chicken is spot-on and the texture of that grilled steak burger almost too real.

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