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## FOOD & DINING

### THE DINING SCENE IN 2017

## Old City/Northern Liberties

**The Kettle Black** (631 N. Second St.): Bakery/coffee in a simple setting with counter seating.

**Royal Boucherie** (52 S. Second St.): Atmospheric and high-volume French-inspired brasserie from chef Nick Elmi and partners from the Royal Tavern.

**Tuna Bar** (205 Race St.): Sushi and Japanese fare in a knockout setting beneath the Ben Franklin Bridge from restaurateur Ken Sze.

THE DINING



Among restaurants that made news in 2017 was the Walnut Street Cafe in the FMC tower in University City. CLAY HUNTER / F&O PHOTOGRAPH

## Notable comings and goings of the last year

By Michael Klein  
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Among the crop of new restaurants that made news in 2017, you can't ignore the minimalist beauty that is

Or the bright Middle Eastern marketplace that is Suraya in Fishtown, or the Rat Packish atmosphere of Joey Baklino's Peaked Social Club in South Philadelphia, or the all-day Italian

Talking about market cooking with author David Tanis.



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figures my attention like a tall, cylindrical package all wrapped up in a bow. Does it slosh with about 750 ml's-worth of momentum when I give it a little shake? Did it previously live in a barrel? Does it begin with a "w" and end with a "y"? Oh, boy! I love the holidays! Especially when it brings the magic of milk.

Of course, whiskeys come in all sorts of styles, from smoky Islay Scotch to sweet Kentucky bourbon, spicy rye, and smooth Irish drams. Here are my six choices (currently available in Pennsylvania), representing the many corners of the whiskey world, and priced to suit a range of budgets.



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West Cork Irish Whiskey 80 Proof, \$25.99 (code 34538) Tri-

is no exception. This bourbon-barrel-aged spirit is full of caramel, honey, and dried fruit, and

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budget