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88 WEST PACES FERRY ROAD, 404-563-7910, PACES88.COM. A soothing hike through the ivory-toned wonderland that is Buckhead's new St. Regis Atlanta brings you to Paces 88, the hotel's anchor restaurant that humbly refers to itself as an "American bistro." How many bistros, though, sport grand arches and ballroomesque chandeliers as part of their decor? Down-to-earth servers help warm the space. Mark Alba, whose previous posts include the sadly defunct Food Studio, leads a kitchen that serves safe but well-prepared dishes with seasonal touches; rhubarb chutney added spark to a kurobuta pork chop in late spring, as did crawfish brandade and pea ragout to diver scallops. Wine geeks will enjoy poring over sommelier Hervé Pennequin's worldly list. \$\$\$ —*Bill Addison*

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