

# THE ATLANTAN

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## THE MEN'S ISSUE!

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## Dining Dynasty

There's nothing like great food and a good cause to get a crowd together—and that's just the spark that launched this year's **Foundation Ball** for the Rotary Club of Buckhead at Atlanta's classic event space, 103 West. Members, supporters and their guests toasted to honor chef Pano Karatassos and his restaurant-reputable family, filling the room with shimmering evening gowns, do-good conversation and, of course, lobster tail. But that was just the first pass—fingers picked up bite-sizers of fresh sushi, sweet salmon cakes, tangy barbecue and more, all before a grandiose sit-down dinner, true to the Greek roots of their honorees. But it was the opportunity to give back to the community—plus, a pretty great swag bag—that provided the ultimate satisfaction. —Jennifer Williams

**PANO KARATASSOS**

"That sushi is so great. And your wife's over there eating the lobster tail."

**ROBERT HOLT**

"I'm reading the most interesting book I've read in five or 10 years, the biography of Steve Jobs."

**LYNN BARKSDALE**

"I just found out I am going to be a grandmother."

**NIKO KARATASSOS**

"To be honored by them, some of the leaders in our community... you know it's really a great honor."

**PANO KARATASSOS JR.**

"Ann is going on spring break tomorrow..."

**ANN KARATASSOS SYMBAS**

"For a week!"

**BRONNI KARATASSOS**

"The lobster tail is so good!"

**SALLY DORSEY**

"We're the co-chairs, so we matched our dresses... but not on purpose."

**SHANNON BRICE**

"Was that a good picture I just took?"



**JET SET High Style** If you've got just under \$1 million to spare, you can buy a 1/16 share in **Flexjet** (flexjet.com). That will get you skin in the game—about 50 hours of private flight annually. The Learjet 85 aircraft—the largest and most spacious ever—will arrive in 2013 and is designed from one clean sheet. With 10 times more airports serviced than commercial (5,000 vs. 450), it makes the case for skipping the hustle at Hartsfield. —Stephanie Davis Smith



# A-List Appetite

Atlanta's Mediterranean-inspired hot spot Ecco attracts an equally smoldering bill.

| By Jennifer Williams |

Seeking a swanked-out, star-studded happy hour? Best to start with where the A-listers are staying in Atlanta. Just around the corner from the famed Georgian Terrace Hotel in Midtown sits Ecco—a posh restaurant with a focus on small plates and an ambience so hip it rivals any big-city pick of the week. “It’s a great-looking space,” says Executive Chef Craig Richards. “That’s probably the reason it sees a lot of Hollywood these days.” The fresh and waistline-conscious menu of Euro-American appetizers probably doesn’t hurt either. Want what they’re having? Try the current fave: Fried goat cheese with honey or the sweet and spicy pappardelle with chili-braised pork. Decorate your other hand with one of its creative cocktails and you’ll see for yourself why its culinary cast is stealing the show.

**PATIO** Paul Walker takes a break from his fast and furious life at this spot.

**TABLE 11** Marisa Tomei and Thomas Everett Scott start their evenings off at the bar but prefer to dig in here.

**TABLE 21 & 72** Ecco-regular Cameron Diaz likes both seats.

**BAR** Cutie funnyman Will Forte often occupies a stool.

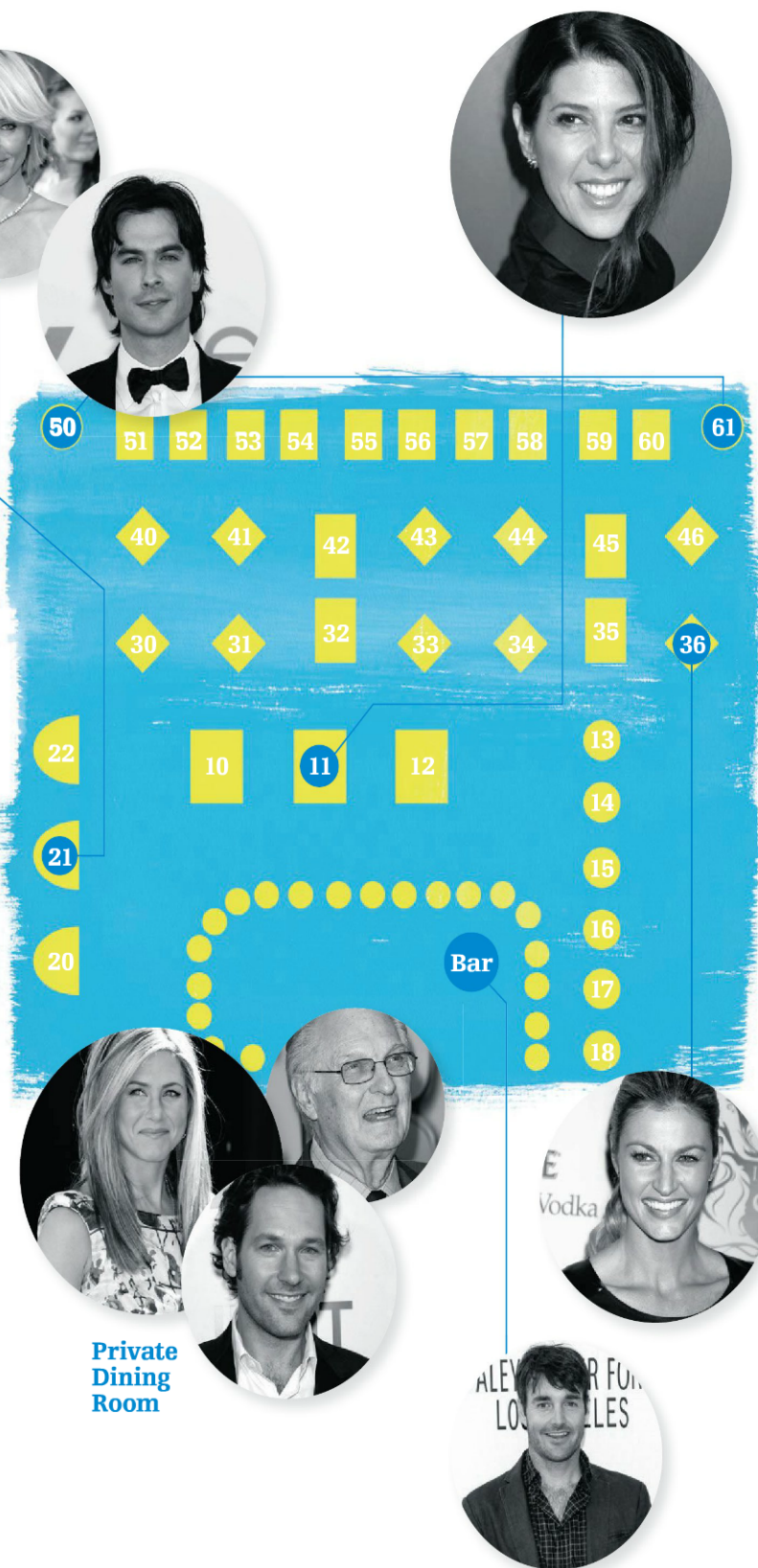
**PRIVATE DINING ROOM** Filming *Wanderlust*, Jennifer Aniston, Paul Rudd and Alan Alda took a pause from the set to break bread.

**BAR** A fave of NASCAR’s Dale Jarrett

Jason Biggs, Chris Klein and the rest of the *American Pie* crew filled in the booths as they wrapped *American Reunion*.

**TABLE 36** Erin Andrews stuck to her sports roots and dined with Troy Aikman.

**TABLES 50 & 61** Regular Ian Somerhalder sinks his teeth into what’s cookin’. 40 Seventh St., 404.347.9555, ecco-atlanta.com



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