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Trout with crispy
Brussel sprouts

THREE'S COMPANY

"We certainly don't take ourselves too seriously," says Chef Chris Hall, who co-owns **Local Three Kitchen & Bar** with two fellow Atlantans. "We have a really laid-back atmosphere." A painting of actor Jeff Bridges as "The Dude" in *The Big Lebowski* smirking at guests from behind the hostess stand conveys as much. But while you might wear flip-flops here, don't think that means you won't get fabulous food. The motto is "you can't argue with delicious," says Hall. "Don't over-complicate it." Inspired by the season and availability of top-quality ingredients, Hall changes the menu often. Some popular dishes hang around throughout the season, such as this summer's fried okra, duck meatloaf, oyster shooters and hot dogs made in-house of 100% beef brisket. In September, ingredients like corn, melon and heirloom tomatoes are being showcased in various dishes. Come hungry; each delicious bite invites another. Hint: If dining alone, sit at the U-turn bar: Odds are you'll make some friends. —Hope S. Philbrick

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