

## DINING



### SOUTHERN WITH A SPIN

Never has history tasted so good. Housed in a building constructed in 1870, Merchant's Restaurant serves up Southern cuisine with a fresh contemporary spin. Think pecan wood-smoked chicken wings, confit turkey leg sandwich, pork pot roast, crab cake trio, cornmeal-fried quail breast and pan-roasted grouper. Prefer a casual dining atmosphere? Opt for the street level space. If you favor a swankier fine dining vibe, head upstairs. Brothers Benjamin and Max Goldberg—of Strategic Hospitality LLC, who also operate the kitschy Paradise Park and chic Patterson House—are rumored to have the Midas touch when it comes to restaurants. Certainly bringing in Clayton Rollison as executive chef when they purchased the restaurant was a stroke of genius.

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