



DINING DYNASTIES



The 30-foot copper fish on Pharr Road is a sign of great seafood at Atlanta Fish Market.

If one is eatery is good, having several is better thanks to the winning formulas of these restaurant families.

AQUA BISTRO

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Pan Asian Cuisine & Sushi Bar
264 Pharr Road
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AQUA BISTRO IN BUCKHEAD IS THE NEWEST venture of entrepreneur John Lu. Since arriving in the U.S. 21 years ago, Lu built a business that today includes seven Atlanta area restaurants, including Chin Chin II in Midtown, and six others in various suburbs. The scents drifting out of Aqua

Bistro are inviting. One side of the



menu features standards like basil rolls, crab ragoon, coconut soup, pad thai, kung pao, teriyaki, and curries alongside less routine finds like mango squid salad and grilled fish filets.

The flip side features offerings from the sushi bar. Not a fan of raw fish? No problem, Aqua Bistro boasts an array of cooked options. Six pieces of sushi and most main plates run in the \$10 range, and entrees go up to about \$15 for delicacies like Orange Ruffly.

The contemporary décor features funky lighting and cozy fabrics in a

room laid out in feng shui design principles. By 8 p.m. on a recent Thursday, the dining room is full. No fortune cookie needed to confirm that's a good sign for Lu — and Atlanta diners seeking quality at affordable prices in a hip, friendly atmosphere.

— Hope S. Philbrick

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