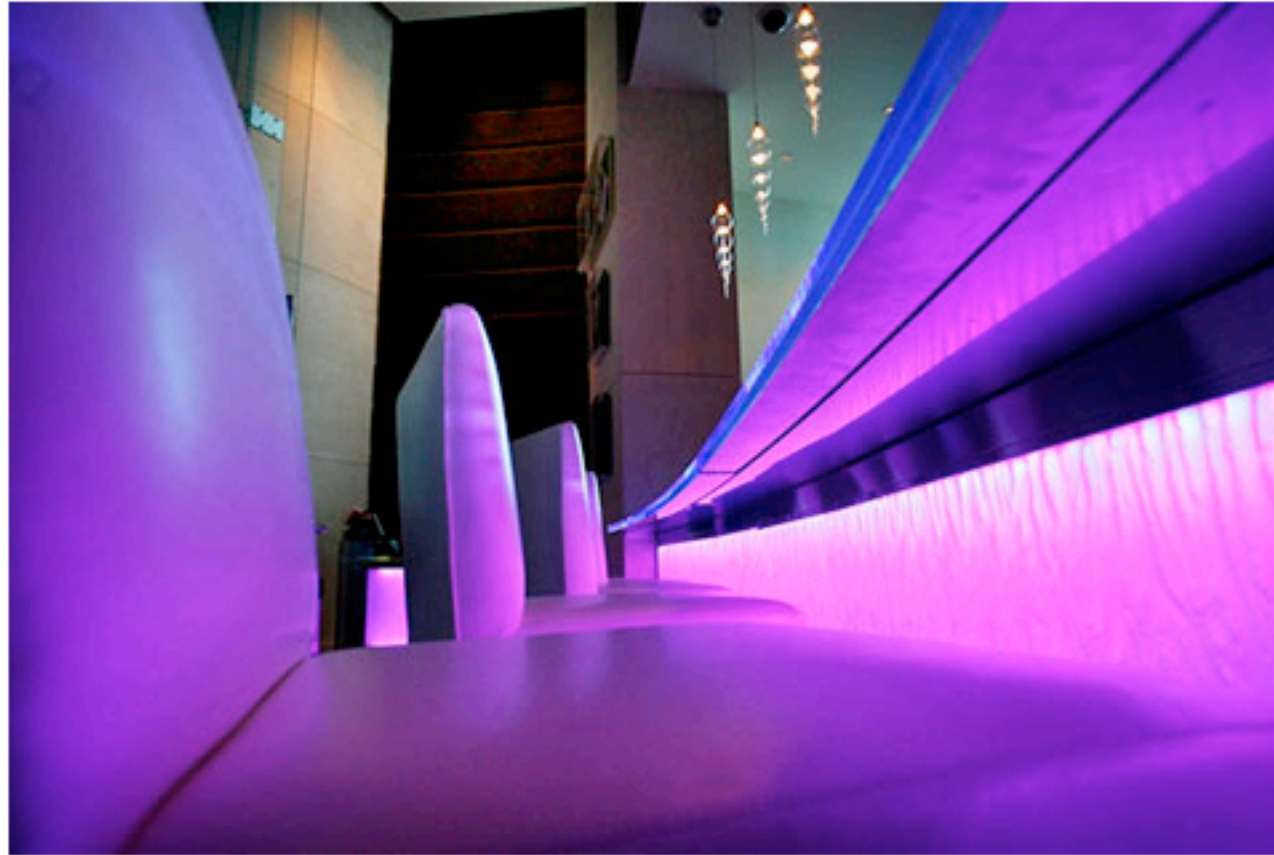


Iridescence: A Rock Star in Detroit's 4 Diamond Kitchen

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rock star.

I remember it well: the sunny morning when I received the e-mail from my editor giving me permission to pursue my interview with Iridescence's new executive chef, Don Yamauchi. I leaped up and did a happy dance.

I first discovered Yamauchi at [Tribute](#), which in its prime was one of the best restaurants in the country. Yamauchi was able to capitalize on and further solidify Tribute's reputation for avant-garde cuisine. He left for MGM, only to later reunite with Tribute's Epoch Restaurant Group to head their Birmingham location [Forte](#) and re-conceptualize the restaurant to be more accessible to a wider audience. Now Yamauchi is charged with doing the same at Detroit's finest dining establishment, the AAA Four Diamond-rated [Iridescence](#) in the Motor City Casino Hotel.

Sigh. Chef Don Yamauchi. It's the Detroit foodie equivalent of interviewing ... Yngwie Malmsteen? Neil Young? or maybe David Bowie? Well, you pick your

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