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IN WHICH AN ABUNDANCE OF OPENINGS GAVE DENVER DINERS A DIZZYING ARRAY OF NEW RESTAURANT OPTIONS, THESE 10 SPOTS DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES WITH FRESH PERSPECTIVES AND CLEAR POINTS OF VIEW. THAT'S A BIG DEAL IN A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE DINING LANDSCAPE. AND WHILE THESE PLACES MAY NOT BE PERFECT—YET—YOU'RE GUARANTEED TO TASTE, AND FEEL, GREATNESS AT EACH ONE. THESE ARE THE EATERIES DRIVING OUR DINING CULTURE FORWARD. GO, EAT...AND ENJOY!
At Stoic & Genuine, the veteran team of Jennifer Jasinski, Beth Gruitch, and Joel Pierce has crafted a seafood house that would feel right at home on either coast. Start with a glass of bubbly at the bar, then move to the food. The lunch and dinner menus are identical, which means the whole selection of fresh oysters—which balances tradition (lobster rolls with drawn butter) with creativity (flash-seared scallops with delicate lemon-grass panna cotta and Thai curry)—is available in LoDo whenever you get the craving.

Clockwise from top left: Stoic & Genuine’s clam chowder and mussels; the raw bar’s offerings; the best seat in the house.