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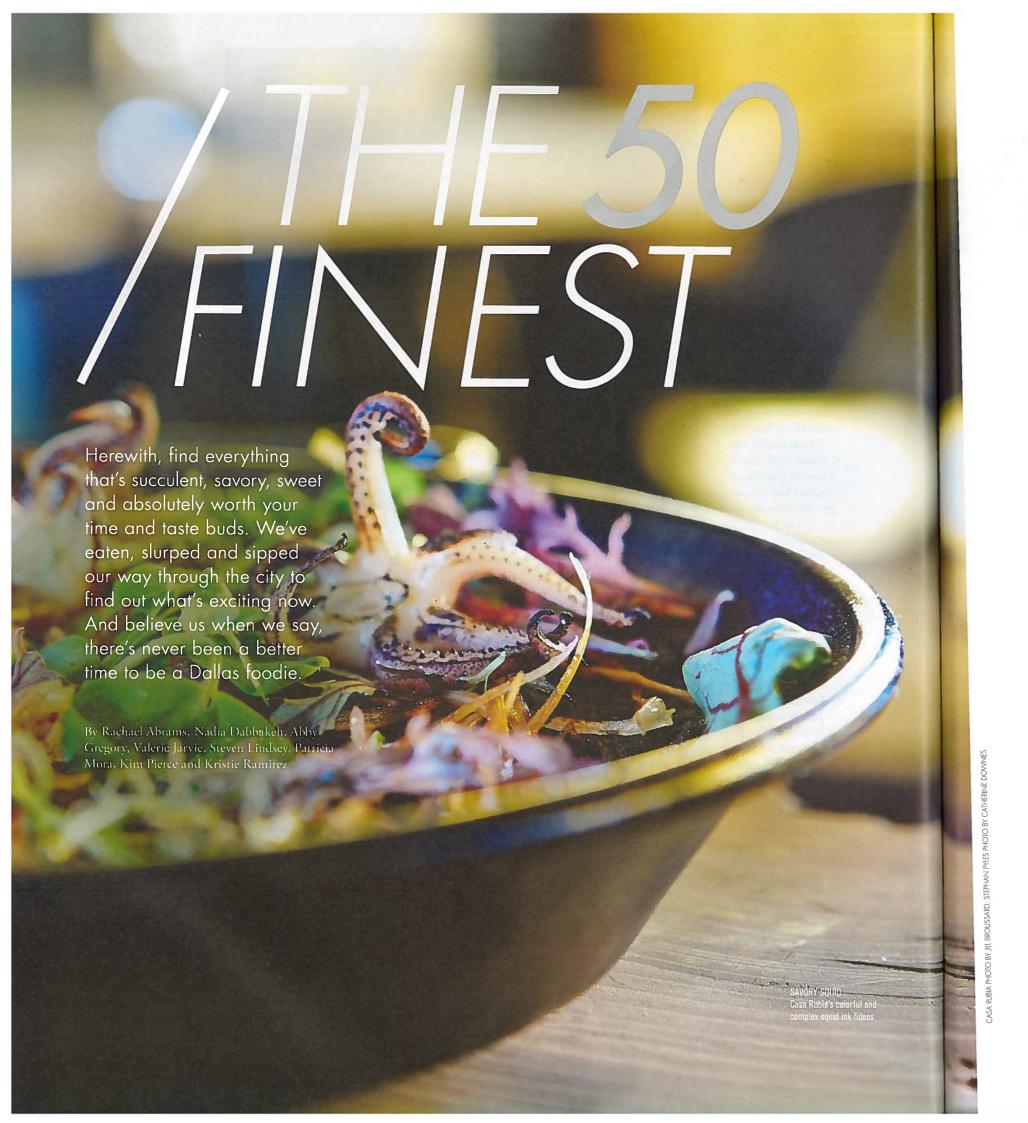
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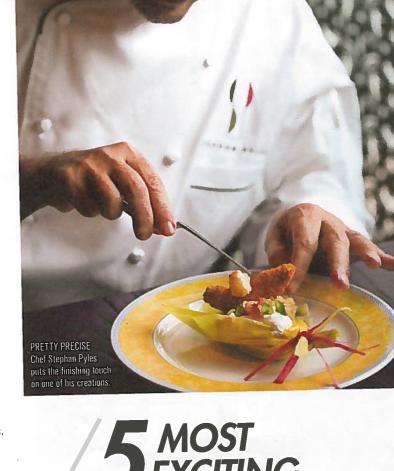
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SAN SALVAJE

High expectations were met with Stephan Pyles' new Latin American restaurant, which took the place of his global tapas-style eatery, Samar. Pyles spins a modern take on traditional dishes such as foie gras tacu tacu with banana chutney and compressed tres leches with strawberry sorbet. The food and drink menus are as unique as the surprisingly contemporary atmosphere, where Pyles works the crowd. 2100 Ross Ave., Suite 100, 214.922.9922, sansalvaje.com

SAVOR

Nestled in the Arts District at Klyde Warren Park, Savor offers a chic dining experience in a glass housestyle space. Modern and intrinsically cool, Savor is a hot spot for foodies looking for a taste of Dallas culture and sweet cocktails. For dinner or lunch, choose the decadent lobster puffs with comte cheese fritter and Maine lobster, the croque sandwich, braised short rib or the roasted salmon. 2000 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, 214.306.5597, savor-relish.com