

# The best restaurant designs of 2016



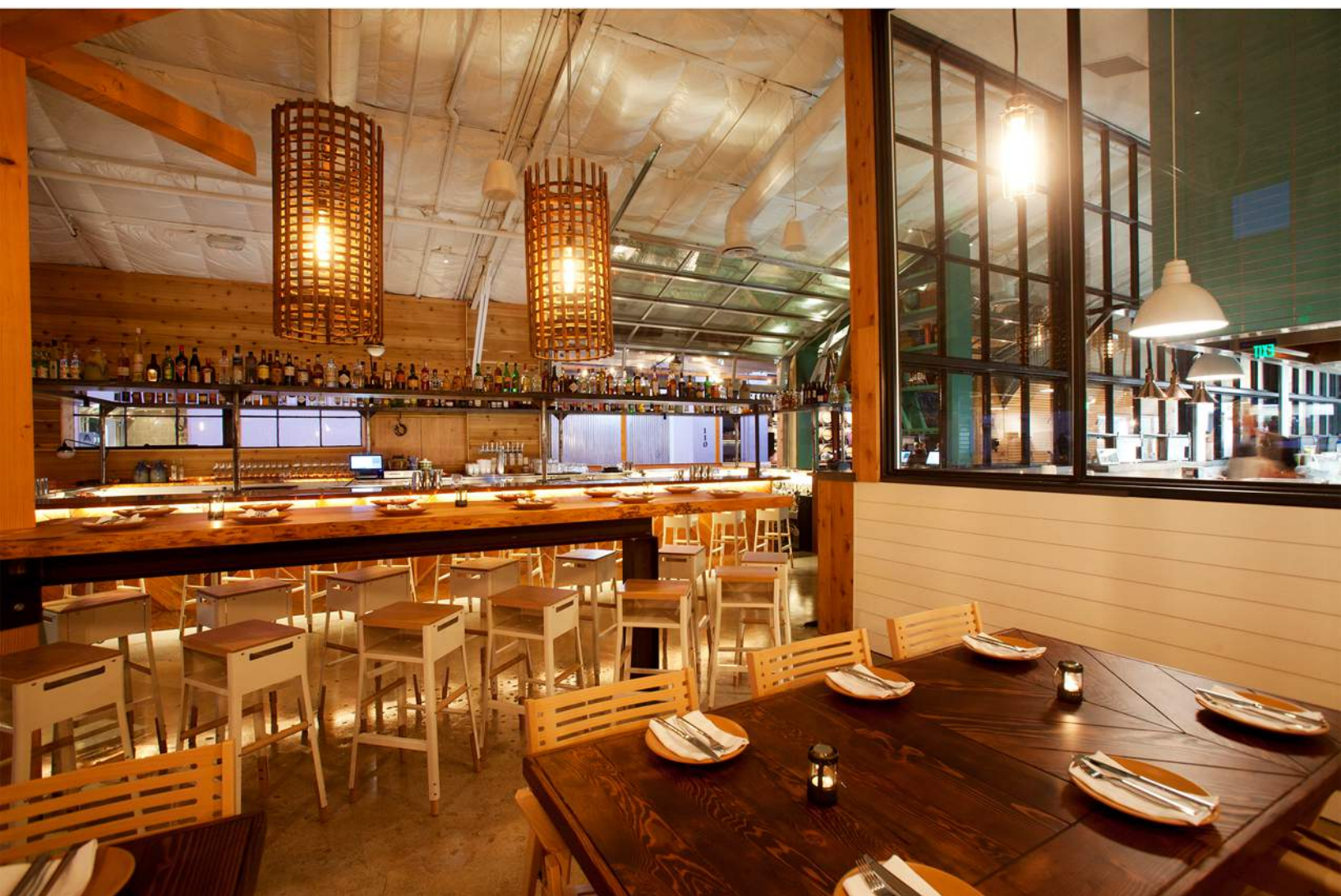
Herb & Wood, designed by Christopher Puffer, in Little Italy (Becca Batista)



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**S**o long are the days when a decent dining experience could be captured by merely a thoughtfully made meal and a well-mannered waiter. To stand out in San Diego's dining scene, a restaurant must also take guests on a journey of all senses, evoking an experience before the fork ever touches the mouth. This year, new restaurants brought big design value to the table, creating worlds of whimsy and raising the city's hospitality reputation.



## Campfire — [Carlsbad](#)

Designed by Bells & Whistles, Campfire captures a brush with nature in Carlsbad. To conjure a memory of camping along the coastline, the designers introduced elements such as a 12-foot custom teepee, a mountainous landscape mural and a private dining room inside of an old corrugated tin shed from Camp Pendleton. A copper bar, a glass-enclosed kitchen and a custom wood grill add to the outdoorsy feel of the 6,000 square foot space, which feature both outdoor and indoor seating.

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