

# Remembering the Restaurant Design of the '80s and '90s in Los Angeles

Plus, Uncool Burgers relocates to West Hollywood, and Spoons Patisserie goes on hiatus

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Outside Kate Mantilini restaurant in 2014

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Architect [D. Fletcher Dunham](#), who promotes supportive housing and works at Koning Eisenberg, noted the experimental and radical designs of restaurant interiors and exteriors in a [series of tweets](#) last night, highlighting

many places that are now long gone physically but still entrenched in the memories of Angelenos. Many of these restaurants built and designed in the 1980s and 1990s featured sweeping lines and [commonplace materials](#).

Examples include Thom Mayne and Michael Rotondi's 72 Market Street in Venice, Angeli Caffè on Melrose, Kate Mantilini in Beverly Hills (which was the set of some famous scenes in *Heat*), Rebecca in Venice, and Nicola in Downtown LA. hilariously, one of the only remaining buildings featuring the wild, often postmodern design of the '90s is the KFC on Western near Beverly by Elysee Grinstein and Jeffrey Daniels. Another example of a wild '90s restaurant interior that persists is Wolfgang Puck's Chinois on Main, whose colorful interior by Barbara Lazaroff seems to be untouched by time. Though many of these restaurants are closed, there are still plenty of [classic LA restaurants that are still very much open](#).