



Samar, Dallas

**Owners:** Stephan Pyles, George Majdalani and Michael Welch

**Chef:** Vijay Sadhu

**Cuisine:** Spanish-Indian-Eastern Mediterranean fusion

**The Buzz:** While there are a few cuisines that haven't been crossed in recent years, veteran restaurateur Stephan Pyles might have a first with Samar: Spanish-Indian-Eastern Mediterranean fusion. "People who are really into food have their eye on it," says Leslie Brenner, restaurant critic and dining editor for the [Dallas Morning News](#). "Besides being so perfect for the moment, it's a fusion that sounds crazy, and it works." An outdoor terrace boasts views of the Dallas Arts District, while a fire pit, pillows, and other décor from Lebanon mix with wafts of hookah smoke.