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Raising the Ante in Atlantic City

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Puck, Mina, Flay and More in Casinoland

The upgrading of restaurants in Atlantic City has been a fitful, dubious process. Over the years new clones of restaurants with multiple locations have opened here. Carmine's, in an extension of the Tropicana called the Quarter, is one example, speaking to the triumph of populism over originality. The Palm, near Carmine's, is another.

But there are also more imaginative enterprises with less predictable fare. The first phase of the Borgata came along in June 2003, bringing with it Suilan, fronted by an acclaimed chef from Philadelphia, Susanna Foo, known for her efforts to add French flair to Chinese cuisine.