

a fresh START



For a long time, Odette's, the once-famous cabaret restaurant tucked on the banks of the Delaware River in New Hope, sat empty, battered by flooding and storms. But in September of 2020, two years after the restaurant's historic stone building was relocated up the road, the riverfront property began a new chapter: River House at Odette's, a luxury boutique hotel and event space. Perched high above the Delaware, the hotel features 38 guest rooms and suites, a swanky restaurant, a piano bar and an outdoor ceremony space that overlooks the river. But the showstopper is the ballroom, a mix of French glamour and modern sophistication topped off by sweeping riverfront views. It's all an homage to Odette Myrtil, the French-American screen and stage star who opened Chez Odette back in 1961, bringing Bucks County glamour and fabulous parties. And now, in the venue that bears her name, you can do the same. 274 S. River Road, New Hope, riverhousenewhope.com —Emily Goulet

NEW LOOK Gabriella Pagano always knew she would take over her grandmother's bridal boutique, La Bella Moda. She just never thought it would be a week before a statewide shutdown. So last April, Pagano rolled up her sleeves and used that time to renovate. The result is an inviting space with plenty of natural light and a chic vintage farmhouse vibe. "I wanted brides to feel comfortable," she says. "We try to be the best friend you are shopping with, not just consultants." 200 Fayette St., Conshohocken, labella-moda.com —CP



In Your Dreams

Prepare to fall in love with Philly's newest bridal shop—and its droolworthy selection of gown designers you won't find anywhere else in town. DayDream Bridal made its debut on the Main Line in November, though buzz surrounding the appointment-only boutique started long before, with dozens of brides prebooking for a chance to peruse the shop's exclusive styles. All eyes are on one coveted line in particular: Berta Privée. "The Berta name speaks for itself," says DayDream owner Hannah Green. "The quality and craftsmanship are truly out of this world." The Israeli label, known for its sexy silhouettes and intricate embellishments, will be available beginning in January. 74 Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore, 856.906.9546, daydreambridalshop.com —Alexandra Leshner

Handsewn fitted gown featuring etched lace, 3D florals and scattered sequins, Berta Privée, price upon request

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