

Citizens Kitchen and Bar Opens At Vegas' Mandalay Bay

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If ever a restaurant was clear in its statement of intention, it's the new **Citizens Kitchen and Bar** at the **Mandalay Bay Resort**. Though The Light Group has certainly glittered up Vegas with its share of flash, celeb-magnet nightspots (**Haze**, **Lily**, **10AK**, etc), CK&B has a populist bent; at 6,787 sq. ft., it can satisfy a large swath of the citizenry at once. Munge Leung's interior design has infused the massive space with a cozy Americana feel with lots of antique touches, faux-vintage lamps, and a charming higgledy-piggledy collection of art and photos adorning the walls.

Exec. chef Brian Massie's menu takes in a wide sweep of the comfort food canon, with

everything from mahi mahi fish tacos to fried chicken with jalapeno honey to house-made donuts. But its amusingly cheeky signature offering is the Muffalata Challenge, a colossal version of the classic Sicilian sandwich; it's intended to feed six, but free to anyone who can finish it off solo. Go for it.

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