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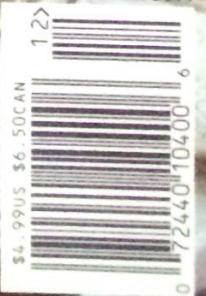
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# MEET IN THREE

## HANNAH CHUNG

Get to know this chef hailing from the ATL who has been racking up culinary-inspired nicknames like Kimchi Missionary and Atlanta's



Kimchi Queen. Her line of vegan—you guessed it—kimchi and Korean barbecue-style steamed buns, known as Simply Seoul, will be one

of the first to set up shop in Ponce City Market, expected to open in early 2015. [simplyseoulkitchen.com](http://simplyseoulkitchen.com)

**1 KITCHEN PLAYLIST:** "There is a rule in my kitchen that music always has to be on. I'm obsessed with soul music, which is my play on words. It really is a Seoul kitchen that cooks Korean food while listening to soul music. We constantly have Pandora on Otis Redding or James Brown."

**2 COMFORT FOOD:** "I feel there are a lot of parallels between Korean and Southern culture. They're both very family oriented and very food focused. Korean fried chicken is one of my favorite things in the world. I personally think it's better than American fried chicken, but there's definitely a similarity there."

**3 LOCAL HAUNT:** "Right now, my favorite restaurant in town is called BoccaLupo ([boccalupoatl.com](http://boccalupoatl.com)). It is, in my opinion, the best new Italian restaurant in town. I also love Leon's ([leonsfullservice.com](http://leonsfullservice.com)) in Decatur; it has the best cocktails in Atlanta."



## having a moment THE SERVICE INDUSTRY GOES STYLISH

The JW Marriott Houston Downtown ([marriott.com](http://marriott.com)) just opened its doors with an oddly fashionable staff decked out in custom designs. Local Houston designer David Peck drew from his love of history and architecture to create a one-of-a-kind collection inspired by an original photograph of the hotel's building, which also happens to be Houston's first skyscraper. With timeless silhouettes and tailored details, David

defines the designer duds as "classic with a twist." He's not alone in the Lone Star State either: Coltivare ([coltivarehouston.com](http://coltivarehouston.com)) in Houston has its waiters dressed to the nines in uniforms styled by beloved designer Billy Reid, and Jeffrey's ([jeffreysfaustin.com](http://jeffreysfaustin.com)) and Josephine House ([josephineofaustin.com](http://josephineofaustin.com)) of Austin outfit their staffs in uniforms curated by a team of high-end designers like Phillip Lim and Zac Posen.

## room report THE MARKER WATERFRONT RESORT

Dreaming of Christmas lights strung around a palm tree and Santa arriving in Bermuda shorts? We weren't either, but we'll take it. Escape to warmer temps at The Marker Waterfront Resort that just laid out the welcome mat in Key West's historic Old Town. The 97-room resort delivers in true tropical style. Each room houses a bookshelf stocked with art, books, and curiosities sourced from local designers, and local art hangs throughout the hotel's shared spaces. That's enough to get us to swap our Snuggles for sandals and head south to the Conch Republic. Rooms from \$329 (a bit of a splurge, but call it your holiday gift to yourself); [themarkerkeywest.com](http://themarkerkeywest.com)

