



VIRGIN HOTELS DALLAS OFFERS THREE INSPIRED DINING AND DRINKING OUTLETS

From the Ground-Floor to the Fourth-Floor Rooftop, Enjoy Engaging Atmospheres with a Passion for Food, Drink and Entertainment

DALLAS, TX. – In December 2019, Virgin Hotels introduced its second property, [Virgin Hotels Dallas](#), in the booming Dallas Design District.

The new-build hotel features 268 Chambers that includes two Penthouse Suites. Dining and drinking outlets include [Commons Club](#), the brand's flagship restaurant and bar, [Funny Library Coffee Shop](#) and [The Pool Club](#), a fourth-floor rooftop bar and pool. The hotel also offers over 15,500-square-feet of versatile indoor and outdoor event space. Each space intermixes a passion for food and beverage, with music and programming, fusing with the local landscape and providing a vibrant, inclusive environment for travelers and locals alike.

Chef Matt McCallister, Commons Club

After cooking in kitchens across the country, Chef Matt McCallister found his home in Dallas at FT33, his first solo venture, which he opened at 31. He quickly guided the restaurant to local and national acclaim, landing a spot on the 2013 Top 50 New Restaurant list from *Bon Appétit* and was named one of the best new chefs in America by *Food & Wine* in 2014. He secured James Beard Award nominations for best chef, Southwest in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Matt built the success of FT33 on high-quality ingredients presented in inventive, artful dishes, offering diners an experience on par with world-class restaurants around the globe. As a chef, Matt enjoys playing with new techniques and flavor combinations, always remembering to balance the familiar with the unexpected. With his latest venture Homewood, he's again received critical acclaim for his culinary talents.

Known for his locally sourced cuisine, celebrated Dallas Chef Matt McCallister showcases his talents at Commons Club with exciting seasonal breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner menus using Texas ingredients prepared with classic and modern French technique.

Commons Club

Nestled on the ground floor, **Commons Club** is designed to feel like a modern social club in a playful, sophisticated environment. The Kitchen in Commons Club features celebrated **Chef Matt McCallister's** locally-sourced, seasonally-driven cuisine prepared with French-inspired culinary technique. Serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and brunch on weekends, the menus are dominated with seasonal Texas ingredients.

Guests can enjoy dishes prepared with live fire in a charcoal-burning oven and wood-fired rotisserie. The open kitchen and chef's table allow diners to get up-close and personal with the chefs and watch as dishes are prepared. A chef-driven charcuterie case on display features cured meats sourced from artisanal producers alongside a mix of house-made pâtés, potted meats and fermented vegetables.

Designed by [Joel Mozersky Design](#), Commons Club features an intimate dining area with dowel wood-paneled walls and cozy velvet booths that can be curtained off for a private dining experience. Custom Kintsugi wallcoverings add an interesting art and architectural element to the main dining room, while rice-

paper lighting by Spanish Designer Jaime Hayon, used en masse, creates an artistic installation. A showpiece in Commons Club is The Bar, with its the ellipse-shaped marble-topped bar with custom brass canopy. The Bar features a mix of rotating DJ's and curated entertainment and offers a cocktail program rooted in the classics. Adjacent to The Bar is The Shag Room, a '70s-inspired space with winding serpentine ruched banquette and smoked mirror walls ideal for cocktails or an intimate reception. A large wrap-around dog-friendly patio overlooking the Design District offers several cozy areas for guests to dine and drink.

Commons Club serves, breakfast, lunch and dinner and brunch on weekends. To view hours of operation, menus, entertainment line-up, or book reservations, visit www.commonclub.com/dallas or call 469-436-7150. Follow Commons Club on Instagram [@commonclubdal](https://www.instagram.com/commonclubdal).

The Pool Club

Set against a backdrop of scenic skyline views, **The Pool Club**, the fourth-floor rooftop bar and pool combine multiple indoor and outdoor thoughtfully designed spaces ready for friends to lounge, play and splash. Locals and travelers can sip refreshing cocktails and enjoy a variety of shared dishes as local DJs keep the playground lively, spinning the latest tracks.

The Pool Club bar, a glass-enclosed all-season hangout, features an impressive operable façade that can instantly open to become an outdoor experience in beautiful weather. The indoor rooftop bar conveys a moody vibe with a mix of marble furnishings, hits of luxe brass, terrazzo flooring, and a dramatic bar topped with black steel showcasing a glass vitrine laden with various plants.

The outdoor social setting, amidst greenery and trees with hanging Moroccan lanterns, is an easygoing atmosphere that includes a ping pong table that doubles as a communal table, giant Connect 4 game, tree swing, fire pit and red spin chairs. A secret garden covered in vines can be accessed through a custom-designed gate illustrating Texas clichés to find a hanging chair, hot tub and a pierced steel illuminating bar.

Loungers and daybeds at the adjacent pool are complimentary for hotel guests and available to non-hotel guests with the purchase of a pool day pass, cabana rental or ticketed event. Sunbather's looking to elevate their sun-soaking affair while enjoying a little poolside privacy can rent a plush pool-front cabana fully stocked with a TV, flip flops, Coola sunscreen, towels and mini-fridge with fruit and drinks.

For the ultimate always-cool vibes with incredible city view, The Pool Club is a go-to spot to hang out and bask in the sun, watch the sunset and listen to chilled beats at night. For hours of operation, upcoming events or to book a cabana or day pass, visit www.vhpoolclub.com/dallas. Follow The Pool Club on Instagram at [@poolclubdal](https://www.instagram.com/poolclubdal).

Funny Library Coffee Shop

Located on the ground floor, **Funny Library Coffee Shop** pours coffee by **Laughing Man®**, the brand co-founded by actor Hugh Jackman and offers Live Pure Smoothies, Buda Juices & Shots, a selection of teas by J'enwey Tea Company and house-made pastries from Virgin Hotels Dallas Pastry Chef Cristal Gonzalez. The coffee shop is a communal workspace that houses an assortment of whimsical and funny books and games. Walnut wood-paneled walls and a coffered ceiling with brass inlays intermingle with checkerboard tables to create a playful environment to work or recharge.

Laughing Man® coffee uses high-quality beans supplied by Fair Trade coffee growers and supports farmers through the Laughing Man Foundation, empowering farmers and their families to help them improve their homes, access to higher education and achieve their dreams.

Hours of operation: Daily from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Follow Funny Library Coffee Shop on Instagram [@funnylibrarycoffee](https://www.instagram.com/funnylibrarycoffee).

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About Virgin Hotels Dallas:

Virgin Hotels Dallas is the second property from Virgin Hotels - the lifestyle hospitality brand that combines heartfelt service, straightforward value and seamless, personalized hotel experience with the track record

of innovation and smart disruption that Sir Richard Branson's global Virgin Group has pioneered for 50 years. The property intermixes a passion for food and beverage with music and culture that fuses with the local landscape, providing an inclusive environment for travelers and locals alike. Located in the Dallas Design District on 1445 Turtle Creek Blvd, the hotel features 268 Chambers and two Penthouse Suites. Dining and drinking outlets include Commons Club, the brand's flagship restaurant and bar, Funny Library Coffee Shop and The Pool Club. The hotel offers over 15,500-square-feet of flexible indoor and outdoor meeting and event space. Reservations can be made directly on the hotel's website, www.virginhotels.com/dallas, or by calling 469-359-7700.