

# MODERN **LUXURY**

## FEATURES

# San Diego's Men on the Move

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*Meet the men who are moving and shaking, making their mark on the San Diego scene.*



Angelo Sosa

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#### **Chef and co-owner at Death by Tequila**

**Cool Move** Swapping the NYC and Vegas vibes for San Diego

**Moving Toward** Redefining the North County restaurant scene

"At age 9, I knew I wanted to be a chef. I grew up cooking our Sunday feast with my Dominican father for our family of nine, and to this day I carry my tia's mantra—that through cooking we are gifting people with love. After attending The Culinary Institute of America, I felt blessed to be the baton passed along to such amazing mentors like Christian Bertrand of the famed Lutèce, Jean-Georges Vongerichten and Alain Ducasse. I loved the thrill of creating under pressure on back-to-back seasons of *Top Chef*. And when I launched two Mexican restaurants in NYC, it was an honor to be recommended by the Michelin Guide. When I moved to San Diego last year, I met Jessica Mestler at a Feeding San Diego event, which led to a collaboration on my latest restaurant, Death by Tequila. San Diego is a perfect melting pot—the climate, terroir, proximity to Baja and the sea—and an incubator for chefs to be true creators. Local farmers and chefs are redefining Southern California cuisine. What an honor it is to be a contributor to this movement."