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# 15 Fab Fall Chicago Restaurant Openings

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## NaKorn



Jumbo Lump Blue Crabmeat

Co-owners (and best friends since their school days in Thailand) [Sam Rattanopas](#) and [Mina Sudsaard](#) have created something unique and special in Evanston, and I absolutely love it. This isn't your typical Thai restaurant; you'll find no pad thai or chicken satay with gloppy peanut sauce. Instead, you'll discover home-style Thai dishes, gorgeously prepared and plated, redolent with coconut and curry and tangy tamarind flavors. Don't miss the [Pandan Tapioca Pearl Crackers](#) (\$9) with a relish of minced chicken and shrimp, or the Coriander Crispy Shredded Beef Brisket (\$10) on charred Thai sticky rice to start. Jealous stares will accompany the arrival of [Khun Sompit's Big Fish](#) (\$32), a whole, crispy branzino served with lime gastrique. Whatever you do, don't leave without ordering the [Coconut Cream Pie Parfait](#) (\$8), a deconstructed version of the classic, complete with triangles of flaky pie crust that have recently visited a waffle iron. I mean, yum. *1622 Orrington Ave., Evanston, 847-733-8424*

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