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Eat Like a Pop Star at These Restaurants

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NEW YORK ([TheStreet](#)) -- What does Michael Jordan have in common with Eva Longoria Parker? Although one's famous for his ball and the other for her beauty, they share more than celebrity. The athlete and the actress have opened their own restaurants, marrying fame and fortune with food.

For a taste of celebrity life, visit these culinary hot spots, which top the list of the best celebrity-owned restaurants at [TravelsInTaste.com](#):

Ortolan, Los Angeles: You probably know actress Jeri Ryan from TV, where she has guest-starred on shows such as **Fox's**([NWS](#)) "Melrose Place" and what is now the **CW's**([TWX](#)) "Star Trek: Voyager." Ryan is also co-owner of [Ortolan](#) in Los Angeles, which she opened in 2005 with her husband, chef Christopher Eme. Named for a nearly extinct, tiny bird, Ortolan serves classic French cuisine inside a romantic Beverly Hills hotspot. They're not Brad and Angelina, but Jeri and Christopher are a husband-and-wife team that knows the secret to a good marriage is always a good meal.

Michael Jordan's The Steak House N.Y.C.: If you think golf tournaments and underwear commercials are all Michael Jordan's been up to since he retired from the NBA, think again. The basketball all-star has been busy with several projects, not the least of which is Michael Jordan's [The Steak House N.Y.C.](#), his sophisticated version of a sports-themed steakhouse.

Owned by the **Glazier Group**, the restaurant opened in 1998 and is located in New York's renovated Grand Central terminal, which makes for a spectacular setting in which to enjoy a spectacular meal. Thanks to Jordan's chic take on sports and steak, commuters can finally grab more than their habitual **Starbucks**([SBUX](#)) on their way home from work.

Beso, Los Angeles and Las Vegas: Eva Longoria Parker, wife of NBA star of **ABC's**([DIS](#)) "Desperate Housewives," isn't desperate at all. She's delicious -- and so is the food at her Los Angeles restaurant. Named for the Spanish word for "kiss," Beso is headed by celebrity chef Todd English, who serves Latin cuisine with a "kiss" of Hollywood flair. The restaurant is so popular that English and Longoria Parker are opening a second Beso in Las Vegas next year.

Nobu, locations from Miami to Malibu, Calif.: Robert De Niro isn't just a "Good Fella." He's also a good eater, which is why he's part owner of several restaurants, including [AGO](#) in Los Angeles and Las Vegas and [Tribeca Grill](#) in New York. Perhaps his most popular investment, however, is Nobu, which has more than 17 locations worldwide. An upscale Japanese restaurant that's received three stars from the **New York Times**([NYT](#)) and one Michelin star, it's sushi at its sexy best.

The 40/40 Club, locations in New York; Las Vega; Atlantic City, N.J.; and Chicago: As the highest-paid man in hip hop, rapper Jay-Z does is known for his big ideas. The 40/40 Club is no exception. A sports bar like no other, 40/40 is home to at least 23 TVs, including three 60-inch plasmas equipped with **Microsoft**([MSFT](#)) Xbox and **Sony**([SNE](#)) PlayStation consoles, not to mention a premium Cognac room and a "memorabilia hallway" featuring a slew of priceless Major League Baseball mementos. The cuisine is just as rich, with a menu of "Latin-soul lounge food," including such as fried deviled eggs and Southern fried chicken sticks.

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