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The dining room at Waterloo and City

To quote *Cheers*, sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name. And now, Culver City has a new neighborhood gastro pub, [Waterloo and City](#), that's aiming to be just that.

The Concept: This "fun, accessible neighborhood spot" has the relaxed atmosphere of a traditional British pub. The twist? Owners Carlos Tomazos (GM) and Brendan Collins (Executive Chef) aren't your average neighborhood guys, both hailing from prestigious dining rooms. Tomazos got his start at [Per Se](#) and [Le Bernardin](#) in NYC, while Collins has done kitchen time at L.A.'s [Melisse](#) and [Anisette](#). The duo bring sophisticated gastronomic cuisine to a laid-back setting, offering pastas, salads, pizzas and mains from a market-driven menu.

The Chef: British native Collins jumpstarted his career at a young age, working in Michelin starred kitchens like London's [Le Gavroche](#) at 17. The classically French trained chef, who was last executive chef at [The Hall at Palihouse](#), designed the pub's menu around what he likes to eat.

The Look: Designed by [Thoreen&Ritter](#), the modern-meets-comfy pub setup boasts varied textures and colors, from recycled church pews painted pink, brown and orange that provide seating in the lounge to overstuffed natural suede banquettes accented by lime baseboards and black wooden chairs. Tomazos describes the elements of the design as: "a continental feel, the English roots of the gastro pub, as well as a little bit of a nostalgic-retro look with a homey feel."

The Must-Try Dish: Be sure to try the braised pork shank, spiced with aromatic, homemade cherry-infused sauerkraut (an off the menu seasonal item). Or go for the Manchester quail with chopped liver on crostini—a staple on the menu.

The Fine Print: Sun.-Thu., 5PM-12AM; Fri.-Sat. 5PM-2AM. 12517 Washington Blvd., Culver City. 310.391.4222 or [waterlooandcity.com](#)