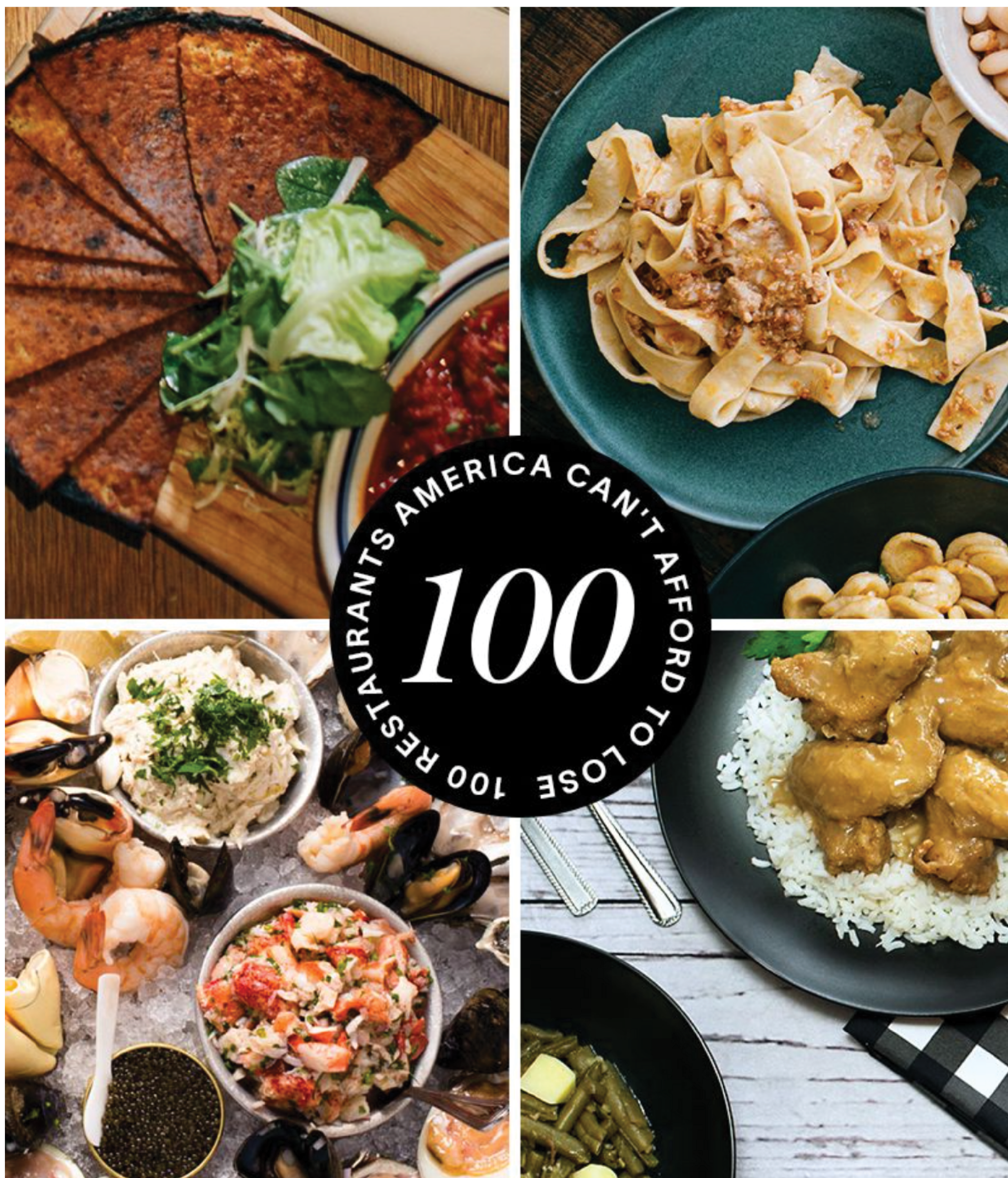


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## 100 Restaurants America Can't Afford to Lose

We're raising a toast to these spots around the country—old and new, scruffy and spiffy—because if we lose them, we lose who we are. ▶



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**Virtue (Chicago, IL):** A meal at Virtue can feel like a much-needed hug from an old family member. Chef Erick Williams and his team imbue so much love and spirit into all of their dishes, whether it's a velvety mac 'n cheese, or a shrimp rémoulade served atop fried green tomatoes, or the delicately fried gizzards that will immediately make you a fan of gizzards for life. —KS