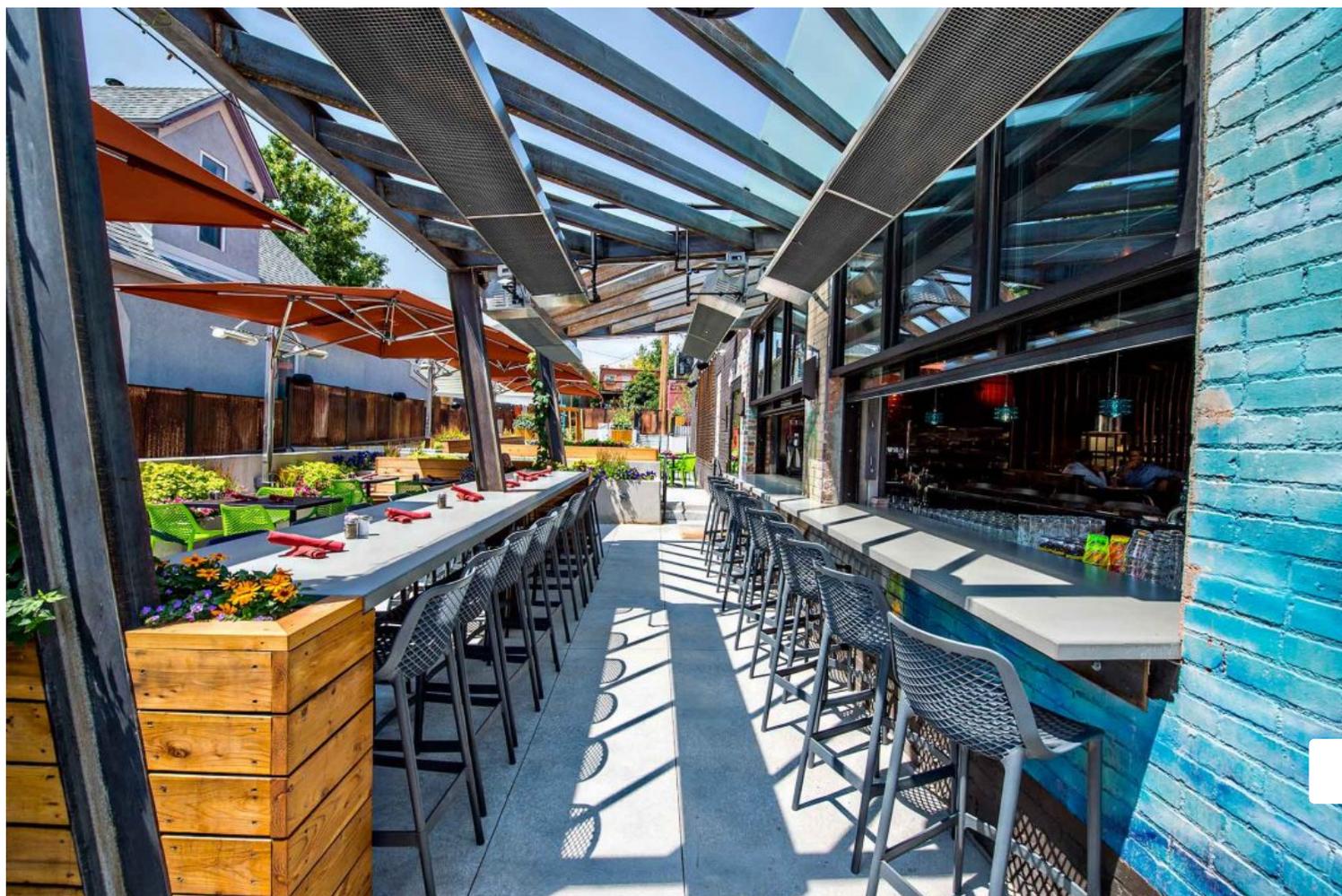


Seven of Denver's best patios and rooftops that will stay open for the fall

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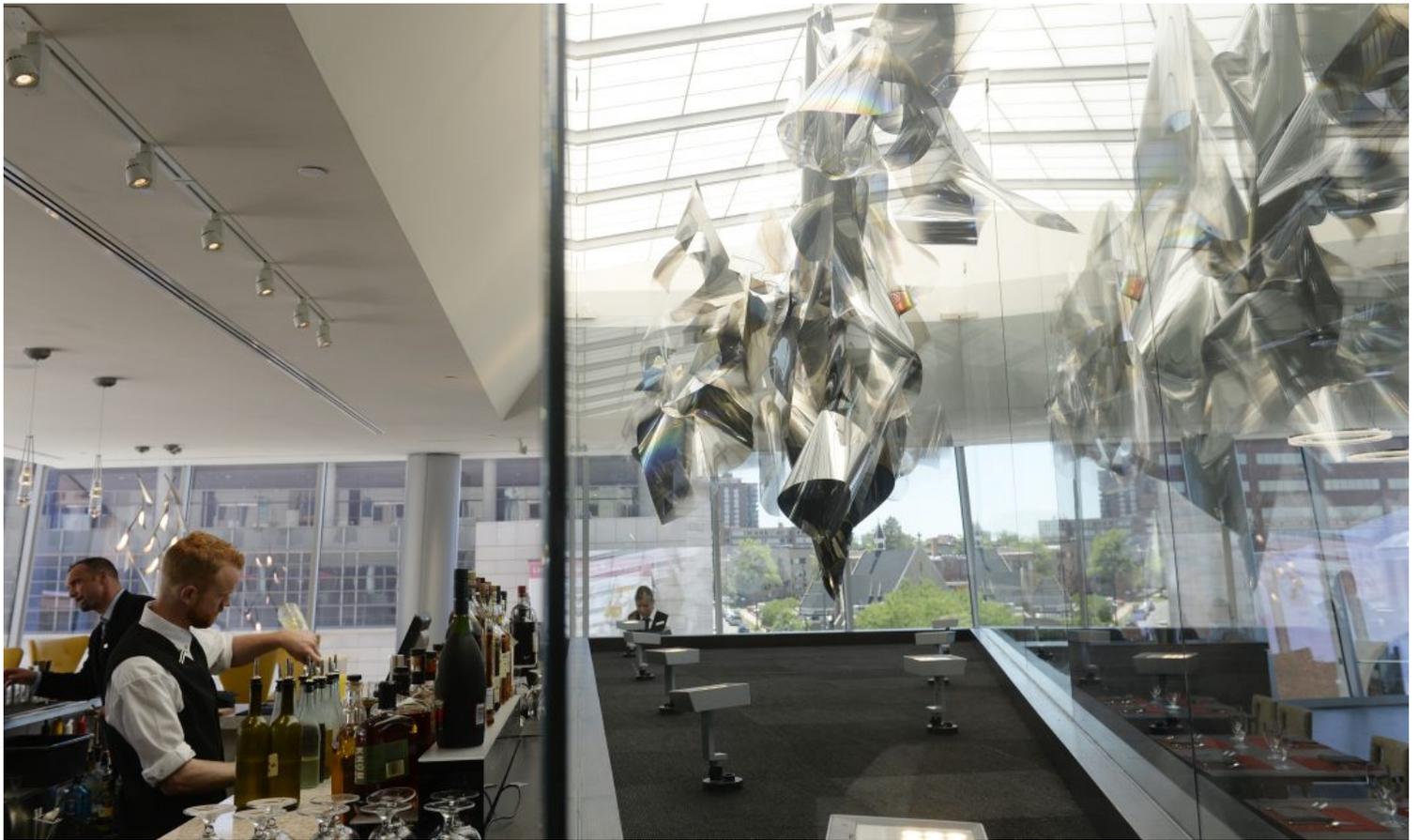


The patio. (Provided by Acova)

Fall in Colorado can feel more like “summer, the sequel.” Temperatures are often still warm, patios and rooftops remain sun-soaked and, when it does get a little chilly, restaurants and bars can lend an assist with space heaters. These seven Denver patios

and rooftops stay open throughout the fall so you can continue enjoying your meals or cocktails outdoors. Some even will invite you back outside again in the winter, when, say, those 60-degree days make a December cameo.

Acova. At this LoHi hotspot that opened in May, owners Sean and Betsy Workman rehabbed an alleyway and set up a scenic patio. Tables have overhead heaters to keep you toasty while you sip a wine slushie or nosh on an Italian calamari dish with cherry tomatoes and capers, plus crostinis to scoop up the San Marzano sauce. But the patio comes with a rare and coveted amenity: a playspace for children. Betsy Workman designed the space, called The Nest, with her autistic son in mind. Kids can play on a tire swing, color with chalk and arrange magnetic letters in the imaginative space. "The Nest provides a safe place for kids to play, while allowing parents the chance to enjoy their meals, drinks and friends," Betsy Workman says. Acova is the sister restaurant to The Hornet, a South Broadway icon. *Acova: 3651 Navajo St., Denver, 303-736-2718, acovarestaurant.com. Hours: Mon-Fri. 11 a.m.-12 a.m., Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 a.m.*



The fourth floor Fire Restaurant at The ART, a Hotel, at 1201 Broadway in Denver. (Cyrus McCrimmon, Denver Post file)

FIRE at The Art Hotel. Fire pits are known to warm up a crowd here. But the hotel also keeps blankets on hand so you can bundle up while you sip a smoked Manhattan or sample a Colorado whiskey flight. The terrace also has fireside cocktails that are served warm. (Think: a mulled cabernet sauvignon or the Rockwell Done, with a pecan-infused bourbon mixed with frangelico, cranberry, cinnamon, plum bitters and finished with a pecan sugar rim.) New this season at FIRE is a 12-seat drink rail that overlooks Denver. DJs provide music on Thursday and Friday nights. *FIRE: 1201 Broadway, Denver, 303-572-8000, thearthotel.com/dine-drink/fire. Terrace hours are 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. (weather permitting) with social hour running from 3 to 6 p.m.*