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Date with a Plate

A good meal is about the only thing that lifts the funk when we're blue. And lately, we've been feeling awfully sorry for our single selves. Solution: a "date" with our BFF at an artfully swank new restaurant. Perfect!

Located downtown in the recently remodeled Hotel Fifty, H50 Bistro is perfect Date Night material—with your BFF or your hot hubby—with white tablecloths and divine ambiance, plus the chic entry featuring a floating fireplace and a wall of windows looking out onto the Willamette. The entrees—seared halibut with coconut forbidden rice and paella mounded with fresh seafood—were so prettily prepared that we didn't want to disturb them with forks. Equally impressive were the savory dipping sauces served with the bread, the delicate brie and apricot *amuse du jour*, and the refreshing lemon mint granita at dinner's end.

Of course, we couldn't resist dessert on top of dessert—melt-in-your-mouth churros with a side of chocolate yummy sauce, and Stumptown coffee—the true PDX stamp of approval. Whether it's date night with the BFF or dining alone, we're putting this place on our revisit list!

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