

BIVALVE BIGTIME: 9 OUTSTANDING NEW OYSTER BARS ACROSS AMERICA

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Behold the oyster—one of nature's great gustatory delights. A favorite of Hemingway, who enjoyed his with ice-cold white wine (try [Sancerre](#), Muscadet, Pouilly-Fume—or just step up with some champagne), it's the original raw food movement. And now the bivalve is no longer just the domain of seafood shacks in beachside towns, because around America people are appreciating the mollusk more. Hence the vaunted oyster bar is making a classy comeback, minus the Go Shuck Yourself T's, thankfully.



MASON PREMIERE

[Maison Premiere](#)

Brooklyn, New York

Boasting a Benjamin Button-era New Orleans Sazerac-sipping vibe, the house specialty at this hotel lobby-inspired hotspot is actually absinthe—it has the largest premium collection in NY. Pair cocktails with names like Confidence Man and Casablanca with \$1 happy hour mollusks from a list of more than 30 East Coast varieties.

