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We dug into the brunch scene in downtown Minneapolis and came up with a robust sampling of some of our favorites. Whether you're an early riser and like to get a jump on the weekend with a hearty helping of hotcakes, or prefer a more mellow meal accompanied by the Sunday paper, you're sure to find something that suits you. BY REBECCA LUNNA

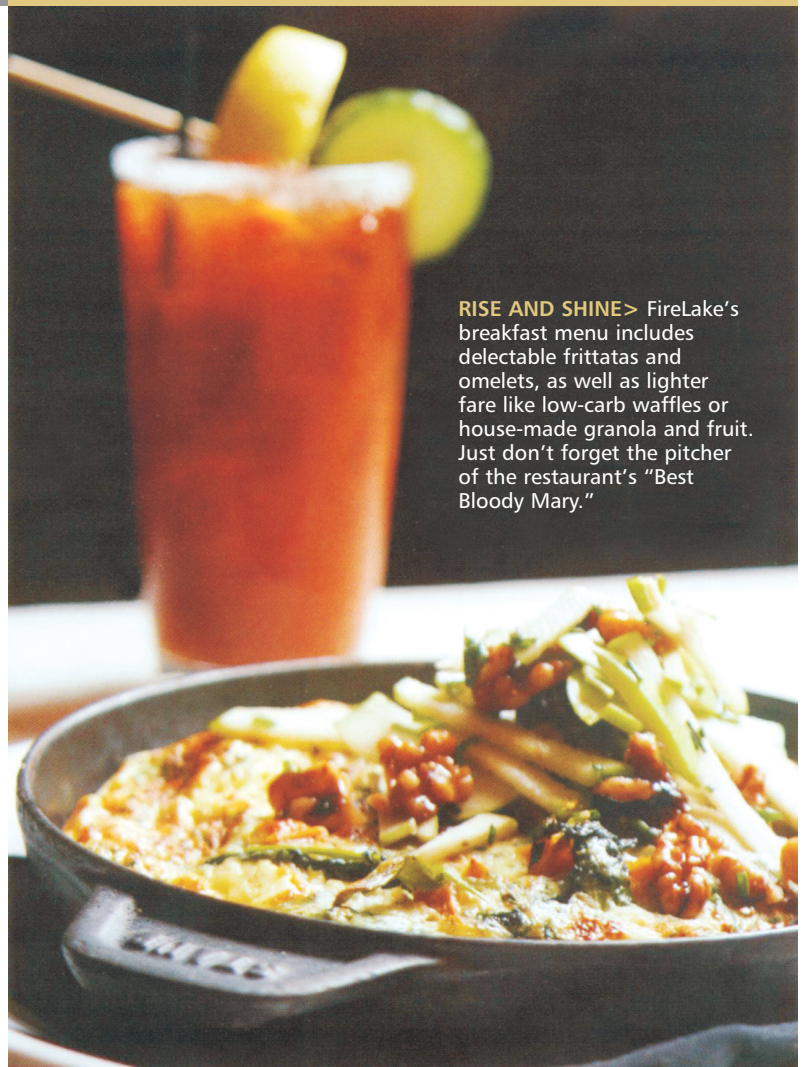
FireLake

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Peering into the open kitchen at FireLake will only make you want to change your order again and again and again. Don't waffle. Just head back another time, because the brunch here is well worth a double take. The menu highlights items from both the breakfast and lunch menus and features local products as often as possible, including real maple syrup. It's the special touches in the kitchen that make the difference here. The chefs fold whipped egg whites into the light-as-air batter for the pancakes and Belgian waffles, and cure and smoke their own Canadian bacon, making for an extra-special eggs Benedict. Brunch begins at 11 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. on weekends only.



RISE AND SHINE> FireLake's breakfast menu includes delectable frittatas and omelets, as well as lighter fare like low-carb waffles or house-made granola and fruit. Just don't forget the pitcher of the restaurant's "Best Bloody Mary."