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Spice Route (499 King St. W.)

The place: The type of studiously swank boite that features an ambiguously jazzy soundtrack and draws the collared shirts and teetering heels crew. The haute pan-Asian theme is reflected in cocktails like the “zen-gria” and dishes like Thai crab cakes.

The patio: This big yard is protected from the street by a row of tall bushes, which significantly boosts the harem-like vibe. Low lavender suede couches and woven lanterns overhead don't hurt, either.

Must know: The patio is rammed with condo dwellers on weekends, but on a quiet Monday afternoon, the place can feel as tranquil as a spa.

