## Where the celebrity chef takes five

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Michael Mina, one of San Francisco's most popular chefs, recently added the Philippe Starck-designed restaurant XIV in West Hollywood to his dining empire, which includes several Las Vegas spots as well as his namesake space at the Westin St. Francis in Union Square. He took some time out of his hectic schedule to tell us about his favorite places to buy meat, grab a drink and take five for a cup of coffee.

Sushi Hana, 6930 Burnett St., Sebastopol. "The quality of the product, the technique, true Japanese fish and the best sushi rice in the Bay Area are just some of the reasons I go to Sushi Hana over and over."

**Maiden Lane Salon**, 111 Maiden Lane. "Lena is very professional, accommodating and always does a good job. The salon is always well kept and clean.'

**Imperial Tea Court**, Ferry Building Market Place, 1 Ferry Building Plaza. "They have a great, calming space to take in a cup of tea. My favorite is genmaicha. I buy it by the bag for the office."

Cantina, 580 Sutter St. "They have a pride in making their drinks that comes through. Their location is great, and above all the owner is very friendly and outgoing, just what a bar should have."

Caffe Greco, 423 Columbus Ave. "I just love their coffee and it is great to sit and soak up the North Beach atmosphere."

Green Apple Books, 506 Clement St. "They have a great selection of all kinds of books, and their staff is extremely helpful."

Le Sanctuaire, 315 Sutter St., fifth floor. "I go there for spices and other kitchen items. They are unmatched in their product selection. You can smell the spices before getting to the showroom. They go to extremes to source their products and it shows in the care they give."

Rafael Jewelers, 1200 Fourth St., No. B, San Rafael. "Great product, friendly, service oriented, accommodating. My wife, Diane, is a big fan of A. Jaffe jewelry, and they also sell my Marquis watch."

Cotton Sheep, 572 Hayes St. "They have the most comfortable clothes for kids, and they look great."

Bryan's Meat Fish Poultry, 3473 California St. "Great, well-informed . Great product, great service."

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