



THE FUTURE 50

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Our annual look at the fastest growing small chains.

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11. Cantina Laredo

Dallas, TX

S: \$48 million*/39.1%

U: 17/13.3%

A: \$3 million*/0%

Cantina Laredo takes a gourmet approach to Mexican fare, with dishes such as pork roast with chipotle-wine sauce, and an upscale modern atmosphere. The chain is owned by Consolidated Restaurant Operations, Inc., which owns El Chico, Good Eats, Lucky's and Cool River, plus the prime steakhouses Ill Forks and Silver Fox. CRO is expanding into the Middle East with one location now open in Cairo, Egypt. Five to seven new Cantina Laredos are slated for this year.