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What better way to relax than with delectable appetizers, chilled beers and even top-shelf cocktails at decent prices after a long day at the office? Happy hour acts as a de-stresser, perfect for winding down heavy days and a valid excuse for weekday get-togethers. The best part: there are so many happy hour selections to choose from including food with local or international accents, drinks with unbelievable flavor, and restaurants with stunning interiors, fancy patios and tranquilizing music. Let these hotspots introduce you to a whole new dimension of happy hour.

Roka Akor's Shochu Lounge



Opened late every night, this suave Japanese-influenced lounge boasts happy hour perfection. Sample some fresh shochu tonics in exquisite wild strawberry, jasmine or plum and ginseng flavors. Enjoy snack plates alongside international beer, wine and liquor varieties. 480.306.8800, www.rokaakor.com

Metro Brasserie & Bar



At this authentic French bistro, it's not just specialty drinks and bar snacks that graze the French Country- and American South-inspired menu. You'll find succulent one-dollar oysters, and if you purchase a bottle of wine, you get a cheese plate—gratis. Bon appétit! 480.994.3663 www.metrosouthbridge.com

Mbar at Prado Restaurant



Let the Spanish and Moroccan beats uplift the atmosphere as you sip on an Intercontinental cocktail blended with exotic mangosteen, pomegranate and lychee flavors. Sample the specialty tapas like assorted olives with Marcona almonds or jamon serrano. 480.627.3004 www.pradolife.com/mbar

Bloom American Cuisine



At Bloom, you will find divine décor, plush booths and opulent drapes framing an elegant interior as well as inviting happy hour samplers of asparagus bruschetta, warm Maine lobster and crisp calamari that will leave you wanting more. An extensive wine menu with all your favorites is included. 480.922.5666 www.foxrc.com/bloom.html

Estates House

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Nestled in Downtown Scottsdale, this restaurant represents rustic elegance. The upstairs lounge invites you to indulge drinks in a cozy cabana outdoor patio or inside with live entertainment. Enjoy a rose petal mojito or try the appetizing margherita pizza. 480.970.4099 www.estatehouseaz.com

Bar 12-21 at Morton's Steakhouse



Power Hour delivers tasty and magnificent appetizers, like the Colossal Shrimp Cocktail, or bar bites like the prime beef cheeseburger platter or filet mignon sandwiches. Enjoy cold beer on a private cigar patio or sip the signature Palm Beacher with the famous "heavenly foam." 480.951.4440 www.mortons.com