

# EAT HERE NOW

Chicago's Moody Tongue Brewing Company has opened **Moody Tongue Sushi** in the West Village. Founded in 2014 by cousins Jared Rouben and Jeremy Cohn, the brand focuses on creating beers with an eye toward pairings with food. Executive sushi chef Hiromi Iwakiri has created a selection of nigiri which guests may enjoy à la carte or in a progression similar to that of a tasting menu alongside 16 draft beers and bottled beers from Moody Tongue, including the Pressed Asian Pear Saison, which is served in a flute and highlights notes reminiscent of vintage Champagne. Beer and sushi have delicate profiles, and the subtlety of flavors and aromatics within a variety of pairing possibilities. [moodytongue.com](#)

Christophe Bellanca, an alum of L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon and Le Cirque, has opened his first solo restaurant, **Essential by Christophe**, in a townhouse on the Upper West Side. Here, Bellanca strips away the flourishes of his fine dining heritage to offer a simpler but still elegant experience that embraces à la carte dining and a more relaxed atmosphere in a serene space where you can hear your dinner mates. [essentialbychristophe.com](#)

**Alf Bakery**, the debut bakery from pastry chef Amadou Ly of Arcade Bakery, has opened at Chelsea Market offering freshly baked breads, pastries and sandwiches. The bakery specializes in items made using the process of lamination (dough that has been made with many layers of flour and butter, creating rich flavor and delicate, light and flaky textures), including baguettes, brioches, croissants and chocolate babka. [alfbakery.com](#)

**Eli's Table** restaurant and wine bar has reopened on the Upper East Side as a new destination for wine lovers with a cellar of more than 60,000 bottles. Owner Eli Zabar is a passionate collector of Old World wines, especially Burgundy, Champagne and Piedmont, and he pairs these varietals with seasonal menu items such as soft-shell crabs, fluke crudo, housemade tagliatelle with peekytoe crab, a Berkshire pork chop and a signature lemon meringue cake. [elizabar.com](#)

Sean Feeney, the co-owner of Brooklyn Italian restaurants Misi and Lilia with chef Missy Robbins, has teamed up with chef Will Unseld to open **Finì Pizza**, a Williamsburg pizzeria. Offerings include



Sushi and beer at Moody Tongue Sushi

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The dining room at Bad Roman



Escargots at Raf's

Mushrooms in brodo at Foul Witch

Jennifer and Nicole Vitagliano and designed by Post Company and Shadow Architects, the space features a bar area, dining room and open kitchen showcasing contemporary mosaic floors, pleated lamps, sculptural vintage iron chandeliers and plaster ceilings with molded florets and hand-painted murals of a sky. [rafsnewyork.com](#)

Paris institution **Caviar Kaspia** has opened at **The Mark** hotel on the corner of 77th Street and Madison Avenue on the Upper East Side. The restaurant, bar and boutique, designed by Jacques Grange, serves the brand's signature twice-baked

potato topped with caviar, smoked salmon with blinis and king crab tagliolini. The restaurant and boutique will be the first permanent New York location of the beloved Paris institution. "Opening Caviar Kaspia inside the iconic Upper East Side hotel is a milestone for our Parisian institution," Caviar Kaspia CEO Ramon Mac-Crohon says. "It was a natural evolution for us to open at The Mark hotel, with whom we share the same values, philosophy and clientele. It's a match made in luxury heaven." The brand's signature blue tablecloths mingle with emerald green mohair banquettes, wood-paneled walls and a black marble bar. Natasha Lyonne, Lauren Santo Domingo, Lily Allen and Justin Theroux have already visited. [caviarkaspiany.com](#)

**Foul Witch**, from the Roberta's team of Carlo Mirarchi and Brandon Hoy, is a new 50-seat wine bar and restaurant in the East Village. Chef Mirarchi's small, seasonal menu of appetizers, pastas, entrées and desserts pairs well with the selection of wines by the glass that changes daily, spanning many varietals and featuring lots of natural small producers. The cozy space boasts marble, stone and Murano glass details on a palette of rich tonal colors like burgundy, cream and emerald green. [foulwitchnyc.com](#)

The famed baked potatoes at Caviar Kaspia at the Mark



The dining room at Essential by Christophe



The dining room at Eli's Table

pepperoni, a white pie and a Sicilian with tomatoes and parmesan—both available by the slice or pie. [finipizza.com](#)

Global hospitality empire Major Food Group (founded by Jeff Zalaznick, Mario Carbone and Rich Torrisi) has opened its latest restaurant, **Torrisi Bar & Restaurant**, in SoHo, the neighborhood where the restaurant group first debuted in 2009.

Garrett Singer designed the Italian restaurant to honor the industrial features of the landmarked 19th-century building, like its vaulted ceilings, red-brick walls, cast-iron columns and round-arched windows, while painting the cast-iron columns emerald green and installing Victorian-inspired wainscoting throughout the space. "In the years leading up to this moment, I had a feeling that Torrisi Bar & Restaurant belonged near Mulberry St., surrounded by the stories and traditions that inspire me and this concept," says Torrisi. "Now, I'm absolutely convinced that

it could only exist in this space, on this corner, and I look forward to cooking here for many years to come. This is home." [torrisinyc.com](#)

**Bad Roman**, part of the Quality Branded group (Don Angie, Zou Zou's, Quality Bistro), has opened in Columbus Circle. The playful Italian restaurant features a vibrant design by GRT Architects with orange-hued banquettes, glass light fixtures, unique tilework, lush greenery and floor-to-ceiling windows with Central Park views. Unique takes on Italian classics include roasted garlic babka, chicken scarpariello rigatoni, scallops piccata and tiramisu ice cream cake for dessert. [badromannyc.com](#)

From the James Beard-nominated team behind the Michelin-starred The Musket Room comes **Raf's**, a European-style restaurant and bakery in Nolita featuring a hearth-driven menu of classic Italian dishes such as wood-kissed escargot and dry-aged côte de boeuf. Owned by







FROM TOP:  
Styling stations  
at Jenna Perry  
Hair; the salon's  
reception area

# BEAUTY BEAT

Revered New York City-based colorist **Jenna Perry** has moved her eponymous East Village salon to a new SoHo space. Jenna Perry Hair, the go-to spot for clients like Emily Ratajkowski, Bella Hadid, Chloë Sevigny and Jennifer Lawrence, boasts a stellar team of colorists and stylists including Jessica Gillin, who joined from Serge Normant and creates chic, choppy bobs for Tory Burch and Sevigny and extensions for Hadid. Perry collaborated with Swike Design's Sarah Weichel and Ashley Avignone

on the 2,300-square-foot flagship, which features a copper, auburn, brunette and deep blonde color palette, mirror panels with brass and polished wood accents and mid-century furniture by Tobia Scarpa and Gio Ponti. "The new Jenna Perry Hair Studio exudes the spirit of modern glam encompassed in a feminized update of the classic barber shop," says Perry. "Like your friend's apartment, you don't want to leave—but when you do, you feel like the best version of yourself." [jennaperryhair.com](http://jennaperryhair.com)



Tracie Martyn products  
at the new skin clinic



**Tracie Martyn** has just relocated its skin clinic to a new location in the Flatiron District. Led by co-founder and CEO Marius Morariu and known for its sought-after trademarked Red Carpet Facial beloved by celebrities like Rihanna, Karlie Kloss, Julia Roberts and Irina Shayk, the brand offers signature facial and body treatments that firm, sculpt and resurface. Its cutting-edge technology includes a red light bed, microcurrent machines, noninvasive radiofrequency, diamond microdermabrasion and oxygen peptide mist. The brand's skincare range, combining active botanicals and nutrition-inspired cosmeceuticals like vitamins and enzymes, are also for sale. [traciemartyn.com](http://traciemartyn.com)

Beloved skin and haircare brand **Augustinus Bader** has opened **The Skin Lab** at The Webster boutique in SoHo (its first standalone skin clinic in the U.S. and second-ever location) to offer clients skin analysis and facial and body treatments. Powered by TFC8, a proprietary cocktail of vitamins and amino acids, the brand's skin and haircare products are adored by the likes of Gwyneth Paltrow, Victoria Beckham, Dakota Johnson and Margot Robbie. [augustinusbader.com](http://augustinusbader.com)



FROM LEFT: A treatment  
room at The Skin Lab; The  
Eye Patches, \$125 (for six),  
**AUGUSTINUS BADER**,  
[augustinusbader.com](http://augustinusbader.com)



Joanna  
Czech's new  
skincare  
studio



**Joanna Czech** has finally opened her own freestanding skincare studio in SoHo in a loft building on Howard Street. Designed by Studio Oro, the space provides clients the ability to enjoy customized face and body services all under one roof. Czech employs her 35 years of experience to bring her clients' skin back to life by combining traditional practices like facial massage with LED and microcurrent technology and skincare products, including her eponymous line, Joanna Czech Skincare. The flagship studio is offering customized facials, new body treatments, a new Kobido Japanese facial massage, LED bed sessions and a new massage series which consists of 12 appointments that transform the shape of the face. The Polish-born aesthetician with a client roster of famous faces that includes Jennifer Aniston, Kim Kardashian

and Christy Turlington Burns has a cult following and an ever-expanding waitlist to snag an appointment. "I have an amazing passion for my work and love what I do," Czech says. "I have been in the United States for 35 years, and when I first arrived, the industry was very much makeup-focused. You covered up bad skin with makeup. Now, it is focused on healthy skin and creating a great base for makeup, which I am very happy about." Czech says her philosophy is based on creating healthy, glowing skin from the inside out. "There are still many products and techniques that I have been using since I was introduced to them 35 years ago because they work." [joannaczech.com](http://joannaczech.com)

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## RAISE A GLASS

## BACK ON BOND

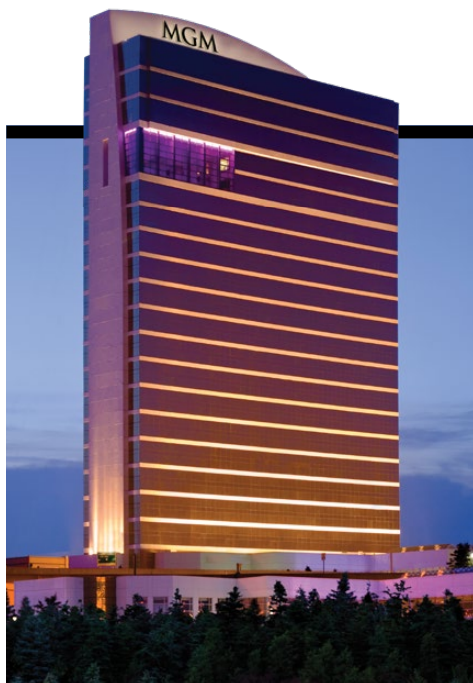
**Jac's on Bond** is the latest opening from Authentic Hospitality, the team behind Pebble Bar and Ray's. Housed in the former Smile location in NoHo, the cocktail lounge showcases a menu of small bites like hot cheese dip with potato chips, shrimp and avocado salad and the fan-favorite creamsicle pie.

Designed by design studio Gachot, the space showcases wood floors, creamy white lime-wash painted walls and charcoal-painted wainscot. Design elements include bronze mirrors, brass details, honed marble and plush velvet banquettes. [jacksonbond.com](http://jacksonbond.com)



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## FARTHER AFIELD

## TERRIFIC TOWER

As the **Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa** prepares to celebrate its 20th anniversary, the Atlantic City resort has unveiled a \$55 million redesign and rebranding of The Water Club to the **MGM Tower**. More than 750 completely reimagined guestrooms and suites are light and airy with a nautical palette of neutral and blue tones accented with deep wood finishes.

Joining the resort's opulent collection of existing suites, the newly created Vista Suites boast an expansive living space, private bedroom, two bathrooms and a spacious dining area ideal for entertaining. "Introducing the MGM Tower connects Borgata with the unparalleled entertainment and resort experiences MGM Resorts is recognized for worldwide,"

says MGM Resorts International COO Corey Sanders. "We are incredibly proud of Borgata and its industry-leading team of employees, and we believe this significant reinvestment will drive visitation to Atlantic City well into the future." Amenities include retail boutiques, restaurants and two indoor and two outdoor heated pools. [theborgata.com](http://theborgata.com)