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New York State of Mind

Take a bite of the Big Apple's buzzing new haunts.

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STAY

citizenM Times Square

This euro-chic boutique hotel brings its eccentric vibe to Times Square. The artful decor is mind-blowing (think Vitra furniture and specially commissioned installations); plus, there's a library with an extensive collection curated by world-renowned MENDO bookstore (the books are available for purchase if you find one you can't put down). Grab a snack, drink or barista coffee 24/7 at canteenM. Or get your sweat on: Workout fiends have access to a 19th-floor nirvana, complete with a fully kitted-out gym and breezy yoga terrace. *Overnight rates from \$350, citizenm.com/newyorktimessquare, @citizenm*

Refinery Hotel

Raw and opulent all at once, this building was once home to a turn-of-the-century hat factory. The revamped luxe rooms come complete with a rainforest shower, Frette linens and an iHome. Grab a farm-to-table bite or sip Prohibition-era cocktails at Parker & Quinn, or invite friends over for live entertainment on the hotel's rooftop—one of the hottest chill-out spots among NYC locals. *Overnight rates from \$329, refineryhotelnewyork.com, @refineryhotel*

Coming Soon!

Iconic French crystal house **Baccarat** will end its 250th anniversary year on a high note with the launch of its first U.S. hotel right off Fifth Avenue. Meanwhile on Park Avenue, ubercool L.A.-based hotel chain **SLS** will launch its New York debut in 2015. For those who prefer a downtown vibe, **The Ludlow** opens this month on the increasingly trendy Lower East Side, and will feature the much anticipated eatery, **Dirty French**.

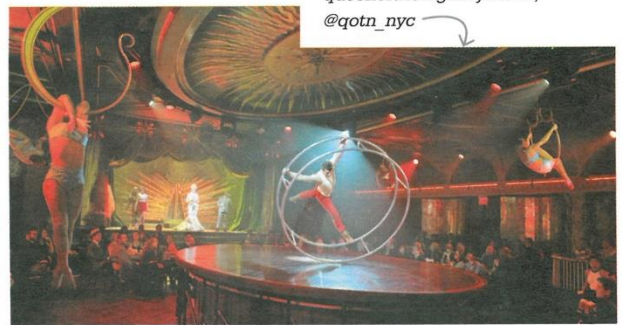
EAT & SIP

Gato

Bobby Flay's back in NYC, this time with a Mediterranean bonanza, which includes bar bites like the indulgent 11-layer potato app and to-die-for entrees like Spanish red prawns and mussels. No need to dress to the nines though; the casual warehouse-y vibe is befitting of Gato's Lafayette Street locale. *gatonyc.com, @gatonyc1*

Margaux

This oh-so-cute eatery at The Marlon Hotel has become an instant hit since opening in January. Like so many Greenwich Village spots, the vibe here is relaxed, yet trendy enough to spot your fair share of celebs. Brekkie faves include gluten-free pastries, while the dinner menu offers up must-try housemade pastas. Wash it all down with a bevy of signature cocktails. *marlonhotel.com*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Celebrate Brooklyn! Concert Series in Prospect Park

Get down Brooklyn-style in Prospect Park, where a host of performers will showcase everything from hipster-loved indie rock acts to Caribbean and jazz musicians to local dance troupes. Food is catered by hip Brooklyn eatery The Farm on Adderley, and there are even stalls with Etsy crafts on sale. *Free, weekends from June 4-Aug. 9, bricartsmedia.org, @bricartsmedia*

PARTY

Queen of the Night

When it opened in 1938, the Diamond Horseshoe was the most sought-after vaudeville house in town. After being abandoned for over 60 years, the venue is back and better than ever. Equal parts fashion show (Thom Browne barely-there costumes), circus act, dance extravaganza, club night and culinary delight, Queen of the Night is the ultimate night out on the town. Originally planned for a six-week limited engagement starting in January, the show has been so wildly popular, it will now run though Aug. 31... at least! *queenofthenightnyc.com, @qotn_nyc*

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