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YOUR KEY TO NYC'S
"SECRET" RESTAURANTS



Cocoa Bar

Chocolate, coffee and wine are the three specialties of this luxe new Park Slope café. 228 Seventh Ave between 3rd and 4th Sts, Park Slope, Brooklyn (718-499-4080). Subway: F to Seventh Ave. Sun-Wed 7am-midnight; Thu, Fri 7am-2am; Sat 8am-2am. Average dessert: \$6.

Cookshop

The team behind Noho's Five Points has gone to great lengths to ensure that their new Chelsea restaurant showcases the work of local craftsmen and purveyors. 156 Tenth Ave at 20th St (212-924-4440). Subway: C, E to 23rd St. Dinner. Average main course: \$22. (Opening delayed.)

The Diner

The owners of Candela have teamed up with Tao's Marc Packer to open a modern-day update on the 1940s diner car. Chef Ross Gill prepares blackened catfish, Southern-fried chicken and other classics. 44 Ninth Ave at 14th St (212-627-2230). Subway: A, C, E to 14th St; L to Eighth Ave. Dinner. Average main course: \$13.

Eemo

Partners Jihye Choi and Judy Hwang have opened this restaurant, serving all things Korean. 107 First Ave between 6th and 7th Sts (212-505-7974). Subway: F, V to Lower East Side-Second Ave; 6 to Astor Pl. Lunch, dinner. Average main course: \$10.

Happy Buddha

A mother-and-son duo run this all-vegetarian Chinese restaurant; they also serve organic smoothies and imported teas. (No liquor license.) 135-37 37th Ave between Main and Prince Sts, Flushing, Queens (718-358-0079). Subway: 7 to Flushing-Main St. Lunch, dinner. Average main course: \$10.

The Hideaway

Chef Alex Oefell prepares upscale bar snacks like smoked deviled eggs and pigs-in-a-blanket in a former speakeasy. 185 Duane St between Greenwich and Hudson Sts (212-334-5775). Subway: 1, 2, 3 to Chambers St. Dinner. Average main course: \$19.

Mainland India

Chef-owner Kausik Roy has remade the former Rangoli space into a restaurant serving dishes from all over India. 296 Bleecker St at Seventh Ave South (212-989-1367). Subway: 1 to Christopher St-Sheridan Sq. Lunch, dinner. Average main course: \$16.

Mule Café and Wine Bar

Hil Sherman has turned a former video store into a caffeine pit stop on Park Slope's auto-garage row. Wine and panini will come later this fall. 67 Fourth Ave between Bergen St and St. Marks Pl, Park Slope, Brooklyn (718-398-6700). Subway: M, R to Union St; 2, 3 to Bergen St. 7am-7pm. Average coffee: \$1.50. Cash only. ▶

