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10 New NYC Restaurants & Bars With Beautiful Interiors

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There's been a whole lot of activity in NYC's restaurant scene this summer, and when new spots debut, [Eater NY](http://ny.eater.com) <<http://ny.eater.com>> has been on the case. Its [Eater Inside](http://ny.eater.com/eater-inside) <<http://ny.eater.com/eater-inside>> series has looked at some of the season's biggest openings—**Gabriel Kreuther's** eponymous restaurant near Bryant Park (above), **Ravi DeRossi's** new tiki bar, **Jonathan Waxman's** reincarnated Jams—as they've arrived on the scene, and in addition to offering nuggets of information about these eateries, the stories have also offered up some incredible design porn. Take a look at ten of New York City's new restaurants that have the **most compelling, eye-catching interiors**.

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(↑) Located in the **St. James building** in NoMad, **La Pecora Bianca** <<http://ny.eater.com/2015/8/3/9089071/la-pecora-bianca>> , the new casual Italian restaurant from Mark Barak (Claudette), is kitted out in bright shades of mint green and terra cotta, with custom-made wooden tables and tiled walls.



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(↑) Gabriel Kreuther's **eponymous restaurant** <<http://ny.eater.com/2015/6/18/8803659/gabriel-kreuther-midtown-bryant-park#4772034>> near **Bryant Park** was designed by **Glen Coben** (who also worked on Carbone and Empellon Al Pastor), and features a **beautiful lounge area**, exposed wood beams, artful floral wallpaper, and delicate bird-adorned light fixtures.



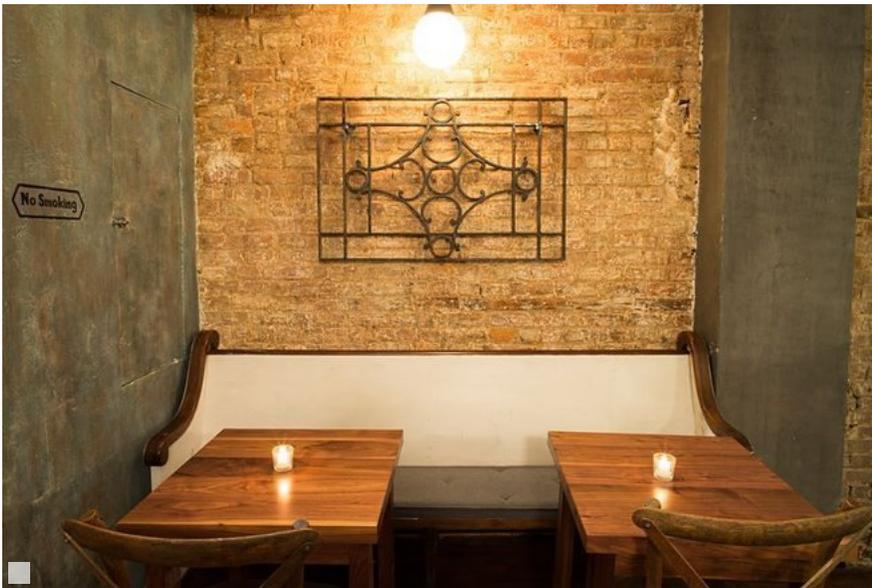
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(↑) Rose's, the latest project <<http://ny.eater.com/2015/6/2/8701847/roses-frannys-neighborhood-bar-prospect-heights-open#4752766>> from **Franny Stephens and Andrew Feinberg**, opened in June in the space formerly occupied by the duo's Italian spot Marco's. Rose's is a more casual operation, and has **funky, retro décor** to match, with colorful artwork on the walls, auditorium-style seating, and a large "EAT" sign on one wall.



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(↑) Nightlife maven **Ravi DeRossi** opened **Mother of Pearl** <<http://ny.eater.com/2015/7/2/8883285/ravi-derossis-tiki-bar-mother-of-pearl-starts-pouring-fruity-drinks#4781376>> in the East Village space once occupied by his gin-centric bar Gin Palace. His new venture is **tiki-inspired**, and the interiors are appropriately funky: The bar stools look like tiki totems; the color scheme is all tropical tones of green and coral; and there are decorative touches (golden pineapples used as vases, floral light fixtures) that evoke the feel of **vintage Hawaii**.



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(↑) **Emporium Design**, the outfit behind hotspots like Boulton & Watt and American Whiskey, designed the **rustic-chic interior** of **Drexler's** <<http://ny.eater.com/2015/8/27/9214119/take-a-look-around-drexlers-sliding-cocktails-and-charcuterie-in-the#4818536>> , the latest from restaurateur Darin Rubell. Inside, you'll find exposed-brick walls, soft white church pews, and an **upright piano** in a corner.



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(↑) The former **Caffe Dante** on Macdougall Street was transformed <<http://ny.eater.com/2015/6/18/8806903/take-a-look-around-dante-now-open-in-the-old-caffe-dante-space#4772558>> earlier this year into **Dante**, an airy space with whitewashed brick walls, a tin ceiling, and cream-colored banquettes. A splash of color comes courtesy of a stripe of **British racing green** around the bar, and the original Caffé Danté sign remains on the window.



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(↑) The **Sixty Soho** hotel got a **bona fide restaurant** <<http://ny.eater.com/2015/6/3/8723435/coastal-italian-fare-meets-a-retro-private-club-vibe-at-john#4754116>> this summer with **Sessanta**, a coastal Italian spot with a clubby, retro vibe. Mood lighting illuminates framed art on the wood-paneled walls, and curved banquettes offer plenty of cozy seating.



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(↑) Celebrated chef **Jonathan Waxman** opened a reincarnated version <<http://ny.eater.com/2015/8/21/9189601/jonathan-waxmans-jams-is-reincarnated-in-midtown#4814700>> of his seminal '80s restaurant Jams in the brand new **1 Hotel Central Park**. The interior belies its tony Central Park address, with industrial-chic touches like exposed brick, metal bar stools, and light fixtures with exposed bulbs.



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(↑) Sample "tempura omakase"

<<http://ny.eater.com/2015/7/27/9047677/ behold-the-stylish-grace-of-tempura-matsui#4797326>> at **Tempura Matsui**, which opened in July near the UN Building. The space has a **sparse feel**, with light wood benches, bamboo decorative elements, and a stone lobby that looks like it came straight from a **Japanese zen garden**.



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(↑) John Fraser's **Dovetail** closed for a top-to-bottom renovation in June, and reopened in July with a space that the restaurateur says is "the expression of my **nostalgia and child-like wonderment**." In an [interview with Eater NY](http://ny.eater.com/2015/7/10/8924843/dovetail-john-fraser) <<http://ny.eater.com/2015/7/10/8924843/dovetail-john-fraser>> , he said that, "My goal in this was to make the most casual feeling, **most residential feeling**, fine dining restaurant in NYC." He achieves that with touches like **sand sculptures**, pieces of driftwood, and cozy pillows.

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