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Off the Menu

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Opening



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Caleb Ferguson for The New York Times Glenn Harris, left, and Jeffrey Lefcourt have opened The Smith Midtown.

THE SMITH MIDTOWN With 150 seats in the main dining room alone, this uptown branch of Glenn Harris's and Jeffrey Lefcourt's successful place on the edge of the East Village is more deserving of their description of it as an American brasserie. Mr. Harris's straightforward menu of pastas, burgers, steaks, dishes like trout Milanese, and a list of daily specials including fish and chips, now has a raw bar selection, too, from plates of clams to seafood

towers: 956 Second Avenue (51st Street), (212) 644-2700.

BLOSSOM DU JOUR Pamela Elizabeth has opened another of her vegan fast-food spots: 165 Amsterdam Avenue (67th Street), (212) 799-9010.

KOBEYAKI Rolls, bowls, burgers and buns are the lunchtime specialties at this new place, a cut above fast food, which turns into an izakaya restaurant in the evening. (Opens Tuesday): 293 Seventh Avenue (26th Street), (212) 242-5500.

LA CERVECERIA This place for Latino small plates emphasizes Peru, New York's hot cuisine. Yuca fries with Peruvian dips, ceviches and patatas huancaína share the menu with tacos and quesadillas. The lists of beers and wines are global: 65 Second Avenue (East 4th Street), (212) 777-6965.

Looking Ahead

ANDY RICKER This award-winning chef and owner of Pok Pok in Portland, Ore., is dipping his toe in our waters with this takeout "wing joint," as he put it. He is not leaving Pok Pok, but he plans to spend more time in New York. He has rented Eddie Huang's Baohaus space, so Mr. Huang will have just one Baohaus now, at 238 East 14th Street. Mr. Ricker's place, as yet unnamed, is set to open by year's end. It will specialize in Vietnamese fish-sauce wings: 137 Rivington Street (Norfolk Street).

THE MARROW For this new project, to open early next year, Harold Dieterle will step away from the Asian kitchen for which he has become known (Perilla, Kin Shop). "I'm going to be looking more at my family background," he said. "There's Italian and German." Ostrich schnitzel with quark spaetzle, braised cuttlefish with garlic bread, and steaks are some of the items he has planned for this 90-seat restaurant. His partner, as at his other restaurants, is Alicia Nosenzo: Hotel 718, 231 Duffield Street (Willoughby Street), downtown Brooklyn.

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BLUE RIBBON This spring, Eric Bromberg said he and his brother Bruce will open an as-yet unnamed Blue Ribbon restaurant at the Thompson LES Hotel, in the space that had been Shang, which has closed. The Brombergs and the rest of their chefs and partners are heading to Tokyo and Hong Kong to do research (a k a eat) for the restaurant, which he said would be Asian, but also include burgers. The Brombergs will do all the food for the hotel: *Thompson LES Hotel, 190 Allen Street (Stanton Street).*

Closed

HEARTBREAK Ingrid Rottele's East Village restaurant has closed. And heartbreak is the word for it, considering that it was just awarded a Michelin star.

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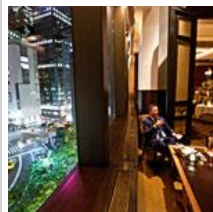


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