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Autumn fruits and vegetables at Battersby
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Battersby A pair of fine-dining vets from Alain Ducasse at the Essex House reunite for this intimate Brooklyn restaurant, featuring a mahogany bar, antique oak floor and tin ceiling. Chef-owners Walker Stern and Joseph Ogrodnek boosted their haute-French chops with stints at American locavore temples: [Blue Hill](#) for Stern, [Anella](#) for Ogrodnek - before striking out on their own. The pair will dispatch hyperseasonal plates, dictated by the market, from an open kitchen. Look for dishes like marinated fluke with green apple, avocado, lime and cilantro, and roasted autumn fruits and vegetables with hazelnut butter and Greek yogurt. The beverage program features six draft beers, local and international wines and market-driven cocktails, such as the Fall Classic, which combines bourbon, cider, thyme, lemon and Angostura bitters. 255 Smith St between DeGraw and Douglass Sts, Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn (718-852-8321)

Cooper's Craft & Kitchen Like nearby Cooper Square, this American gastropub takes its name from 19th-century industrialist Peter Cooper, who counted brewing and barrel-making (a.k.a. coopering) among his many diversions. Mounted casks decorate the rustic space, which also features a barn-plank ceiling and metal-and-wood partition separating the bar from the dining area. Choose from 24 craft beers, such as Allagash Curieux and Stone Arrogant Bastard Ale, at the stained-pine bar. Thai chef Andy Yang (Rhong Tiam) switched gears to consult on the U.K.-accented menu of hearty grub, including a meat-loaf sandwich and the Irish mashed-potato-and-cabbage dish colcannon. 87 Second Ave at 5th St (646-606-2384)

Girello The owners of Walker's open a 46-seat osteria - outfitted with exposed brick and pine tables - next door. Get traditional dishes, like Neapolitan-style Margherita pizzas, caprese salads, and panini stuffed with sausage, broccoli rabe and provolone. 11 Varick St between Franklin and North Moore Sts (212-941-0109)

Kobeyaki Grab sushi, noodles or rice bowls at this fast-casual Japanese restaurant. During the day, office lunchers can pick up braised-pork buns or rolls, like the Ultimate Unagi, featuring broiled eel on the inside and outside, avocado, cucumber, ginger and carrot. At night, settle into one of the wood booths and relax over pitchers of beer (Asahi, Sapporo) and izakaya-style bites, like braised beef short ribs with portobello fries and wasabi mayonnaise. 293 Seventh Ave between 26th and 27th Sts (212-242-5500)

Saint Germain French Bistro Steak au poivre, moules a la mariniere and croque-monsieur are on the menu at this Bay Ridge bistro. The 34-seat space features dark-wood banquettes, blue upholstered chairs and mirrors lining one of the walls. 8303 Third Ave between 83rd and 84th Sts, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn (718-745-8899)

The Smith This midtown spin-off offers the same menu of American brasserie fare (steaks, salads, pastas) as the East Village original. Take a seat at the L-shaped zinc bar and choose from dishes like the "Brooklyn-style" calamari (crispy fried squid with marinara) or a

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thick burger topped with cheddar and bacon. You'll also find raw-bar plates, like East and West Coast oysters, scallop ceviche and Lobster Louie - a seafood salad with a spicy and creamy dressing. 956 Second Ave at 51st St (212-644-2700)

Sweetwolf's This handsome Park Slope restaurant- outfitted with exposed brick, glass globe lights and a mahogany bar- doubles as a coffeeshop and American brasserie. In the morning, direct-trade roaster Forty Weight operates a café, serving cups of java and Patisserie Colson goodies. At night, the offerings change over to a wide-ranging American menu, including dishes like chicken under a brick, swordfish tacos, and a gluten-free lobster mac and cheese made with quinoa pasta. 492 Sixth Ave at 12th St, Park Slope, Brooklyn (718-788-4926)

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