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What to Watch: Fall's Best Restaurant Openings

Where to eat this fall in New York.

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Sure, there's no shortage of scene-y, impossible-to-book restaurants throughout the city, but New Yorkers tire quickly. New this fall? Keith McNally alums Lee Hanson and Riad Nasr will go out on their own with Frenchette, a brasserie concept likely reminiscent of their time at Balthazar and Minetta Tavern.



Rendering of DaDong's second floor terrace in New York. Courtesy

Chicago's popular cocktail bar The Aviary is opening an outpost inside the Mandarin Oriental at Columbus Circle in September, with a promise of a more extensive list of cocktails as well as breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Charlie Bird team heads to Hudson Yards for its third restaurant, Legacy Records. Chinese chef Dong Zhenxiang, famed for his roast Peking duck, will bring his restaurant DaDong Stateside come October with the opening of a 400-seat dining space at Bryant Park. Across the river in Dumbo — where everything seems to be opening these days — the Grand Army and Rucola team will debut Celestine in mid-September.