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Eat YOUR HEART Out

Here, some of our favorite newcomers to the ever-spicy New York restaurant scene.

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Bar Jamón (125 East 17th Street, 212-253-2773): Vegetarians, take heed: Mario Batali hams it up at this pint-sized Spanish snack bar, where he delights haute carnivores propped up

most likely be a tourist fave for years to come. But this prandial paradise, which takes its cues from *Forrest Gump*, does straightforward American seafood right, with Cajun shrimp and hush puppies for days. Boxes of chocolates abound as well.

Geisha (33 East 67th Street, 212-813-1112): Scene-stealing restaurateurs Vittorio Assaf and Fabio Granato (of *Serafino* fame) have gone Asian with a little help from Le Bernardin's Eric Ripert at this scene-y, sexy Midtowner designed by David Rockwell. While sampling shrimp-coriander dumplings or filet mignon with baby bok choy, beautiful patrons marvel at any of the three exquisite dining environments, one of which is the "sushi room," where cherry blossom lighting and obiknot fabric set the stage for fresh selections of all things aquatic.

The scene is cool and the crowds are hot at Geisha.

