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Fall Into Food

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There's no time more vibrant for the New York restaurant scene than fall, when people have returned from summer travels and new projects abound.



Bring on the red chicken and green shrimp! **Philippe** is branching out, opening a second Manhattan location in the Meatpacking District's Dream Downtown Hotel. Along with signature satays and Beijing chicken, there will be dim sum carts and rotating DJs. "The Meatpacking District is the epicenter of fashionable dining and nightlife," says Abraham Merchant, president and CEO of Merchants Hospitality. "Knowing New Yorkers' hesitation to trek above 23rd Street, we are bringing the timeless Philippe Chow experience downtown complete with an exclusive private dining room, and expanding it with a late-night menu."