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THE ITALIAN CLOTHIER RIFLESSI HAS A NEW HOME

Riflessi, the wholesale supplier and retailer specializing in Italian ready-to-wear and accessories, has opened a palatial two-story space in Midtown. Featuring discounted prices on brands like Armani, Zegna, Versace and Gucci, and offering free, same-day custom alterations, Riflessi is giving its full-price competitors some



serious competition. "You will find things that you would never find in a department store," says owner Avi Benayoun. "From size to color to style, we pride ourselves on having an unbeatable selection." Can you say "luxury" in Italian? (It's *lusso*.)

49 WEST 57TH STREET; RIFLESSI.US



## Polo Spreads Its Wings on Fifth

Ralph Lauren is set to score with a new three-story Midtown flagship for its expanded Polo line. "I believe there's an opportunity to add a fresh, modern spirit to this enduring brand," says Lauren himself. But it's not all henley shirts and pullovers. Inside, Ralph's Coffee serves the brand's proprietary blend of La Colombe beans.

711 FIFTH AVENUE; RALPHLAUREN.COM



### ALDO SOHM'S TOP 5 WINES

*Le Bernardin's longtime sommelier Aldo Sohm has expanded his reach with his new Aldo Sohm Wine Bar, just down the street from the flagship. Look for an over-the-top list of wines by the glass and snacks like baked Camembert and baby beet skewers.*

1

CHARTOGNE-TAILLET, SAINTE ANNE, CHAMPAGNE NV

"One of my favorite Grower Champagnes. It is 50 percent Chardonnay and 50 percent Pinot Noir, creating a richness and freshness all at once."

2

RIESLING, SCHMITGES, GRAUSCHIEFER, MOSEL 2011

"Grey Slate is a very mineral-driven and dry expression of Riesling from the Mosel region."

3

SAUVIGNON BLANC, CLOS ROCHE BLANCHE, TOURAINE 2013

"An organic-farmed Sauvignon Blanc that shows balance, and really good quality for its price point."

4

BLAUFRÄNKISCH, WACHTER WIESLER, SÜDBURGENLAND 2012

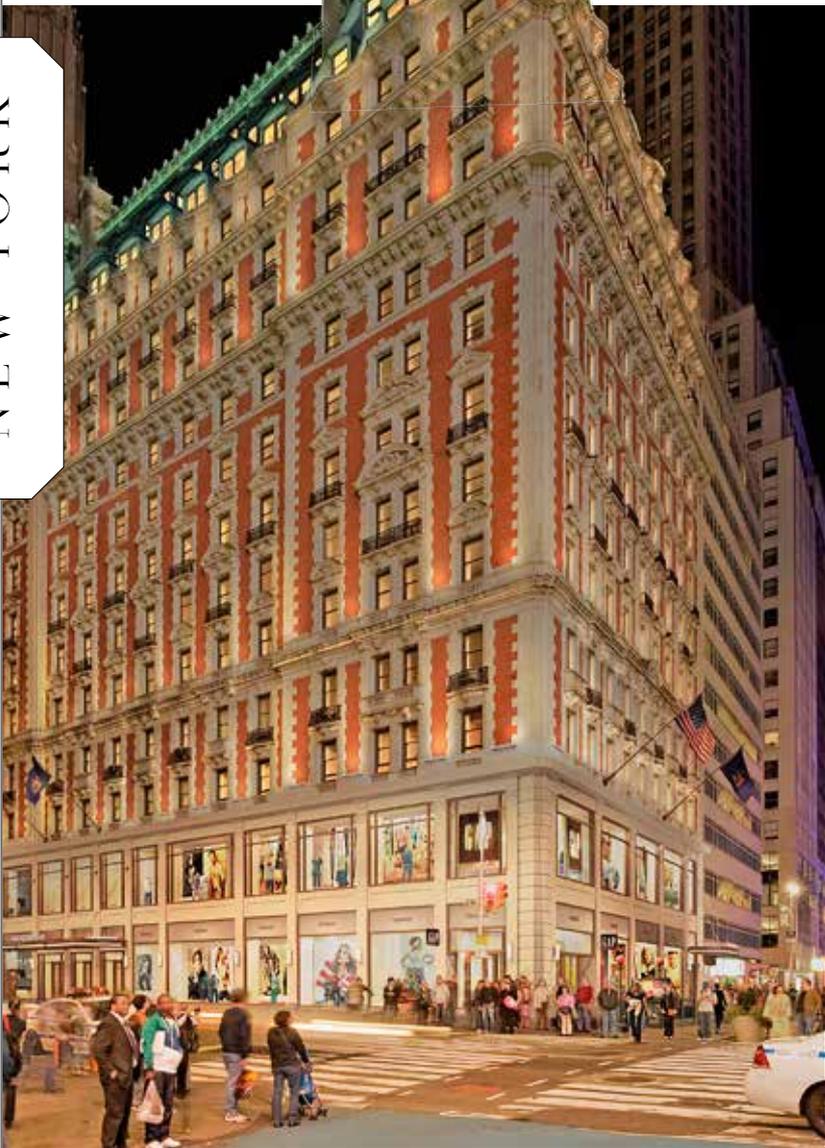
"The Blaufränkisch delivers a robust and juicy style of wines which are wonderful for food pairing."

5

SULAUZE "LES AMIS ROUGE SANS SOUFRE," PROVENCE 2013

"Certified organic and with zero sulfur used. It's very pure in fruit with rich and silky tannins."

151 WEST 51ST STREET; ALDOSOHMWINEBAR.COM



# The Knickerbocker Is Back

The return of the landmark hotel from *This Side of Paradise* proves that heaven—in Times Square, anyway—isn't so far off.

A century after its initial opening, The Knickerbocker Hotel is poised to recapture its golden age. Having been accepted to the elite "Leading Hotels of the World" portfolio, and with celebrated chef Charlie Palmer at the helm of its food and beverage program, the Beaux Arts landmark building offers a new option in the heart of the city. Managing director Jeff David says, "Our vision for The Knickerbocker is to take its incredible past and infuse it with modern New York." With 330 luxe guest rooms and 40 suites designed by Gabellini Sheppard Associates, the hotel also features a 7,500-square-foot rooftop bar, a state-of-the-art fitness facility (featuring TRX bands, Power Plates and spin bicycles) and a spa program operated by Tribeca favorite AIRE Ancient Baths.

1466 BROADWAY; [THEKNICKERBOCKER.COM](http://THEKNICKERBOCKER.COM)



During the frigid winter months, chocolatier Vosges Haut Chocolat sells 2.5 tons of its hot chocolate mix (available in three flavors: Parisienne, Bianca and Aztec).

## REDEFINING DESIGN

*The Smithsonian Design Museum gets a makeover.*

This December, design is digging in its heels uptown. The Cooper-Hewitt will reopen its Fifth Avenue doors to showcase a stunning renovation, including the addition of over 16,000 square feet of gallery space. The only museum in the world dedicated exclusively to historic and contemporary design, the revamped Cooper-Hewitt is embracing cutting-edge technology and creating more of an interactive experience for visitors. As the museum's director Caroline Baumann says, "It's all about access and interactivity, giving people the opportunity to engage with our offerings like never before. Accordingly, we want the visitor experience to be more social and playful."

2 EAST 91ST STREET; [COOPER-HEWITT.ORG](http://COOPER-HEWITT.ORG)



## THE MET GETS A GIFT

*The Leonard A. Lauder Cubist Collection stuns this winter.*

Leonard Lauder has given the Metropolitan Museum of Art a major gift: his unrivaled collection of Cubist artwork. Including 78 masterworks by Georges Braque, Pablo Picasso, Juan Gris and Fernand Léger, the assemblage, organized by Lauder Collection curator Emily Braun, is on view now. As Lauder, who's been involved with the institution for decades, explains, "This collection is a 35-year effort. Thirty-five years of study, travel, buying, selling, perseverance, mistakes, refinement—you name it... Having it go to the Met is thrilling." The museum's director, Thomas P. Campbell, boasts that "now Cubism will be represented with some of its greatest masterpieces."

1000 FIFTH AVENUE; [METMUSEUM.ORG](http://METMUSEUM.ORG)