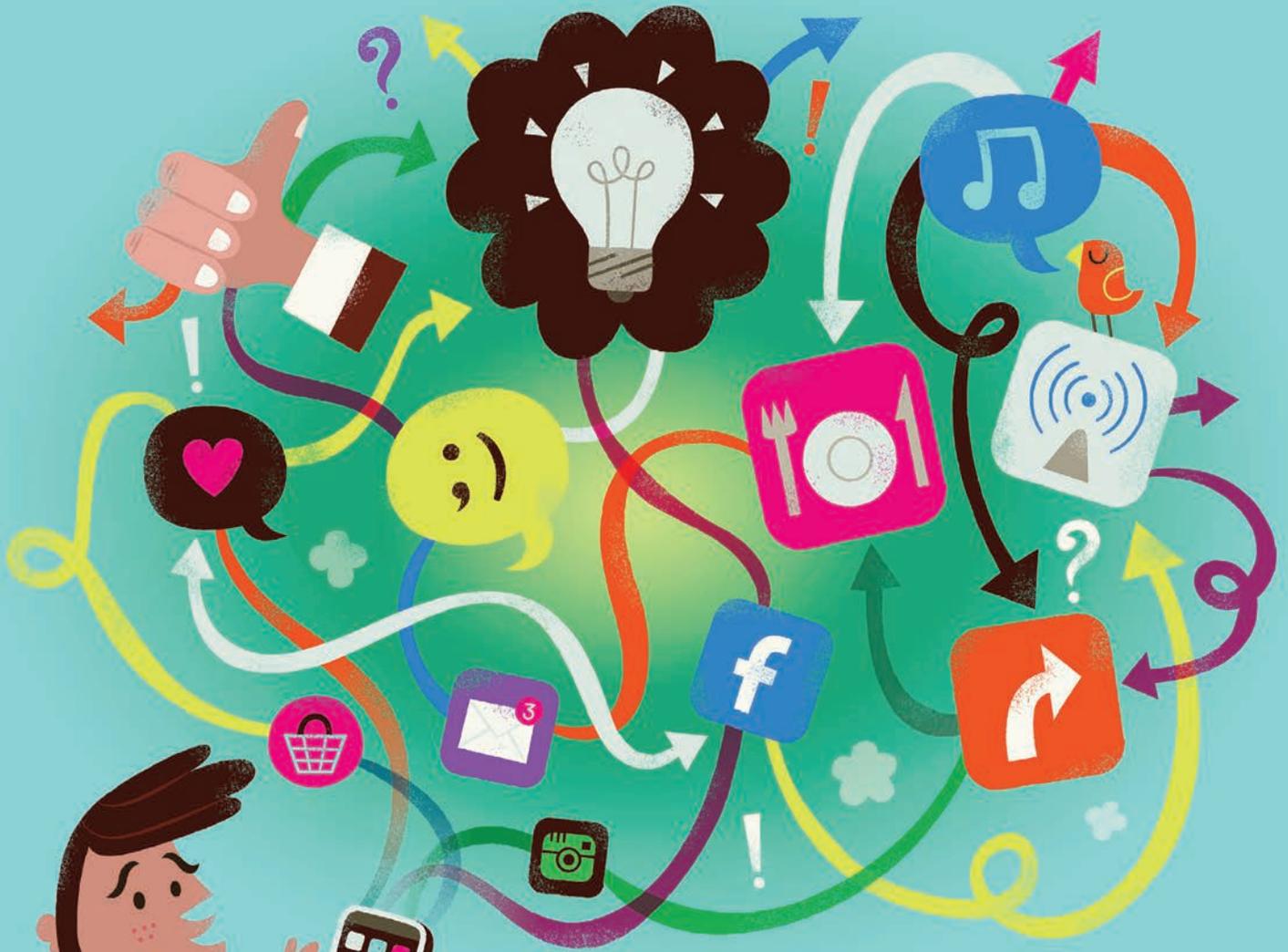


# SquareMeal

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## VENUES & EVENTS



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## Bask in glory

Midtown Manhattan welcomes the 330-room **Knickerbocker Hotel** (00 1 855 865 6425) this autumn. Bookers with their sights set on the Big Apple will find a mix of sympathetically restored rooms in an ornate beaux-arts style with cutting-edge meeting facilities for up to 250 guests. Party spaces span a brace of private dining options in the restaurant – headed up by American celeb chef Charlie Palmer – to a range of rooftop Sky Pods (overlooking Times Square) for intimate gatherings.



The old national archives on Riddarholmen in Stockholm have been relaunched as a venue. *Gamla Riksarkivet* will be hosting traditional Swedish Christmas dinners from 24 November to 20 December, after which it will be available for private hire



## Viva Las Vegas

Sin City's newest hotel opened for business this September. Part of the 120-acre Mandalay Bay resort, the striking **Delano Las Vegas** (00 1 877 632 5400) includes 20,000sq ft of meeting space in its golden 43-storey tower. Guests can opt for a relaxed setting in the Sage Living Room, or book one of the 31 other meeting rooms and four boardrooms. For the moment, business lunches can be taken in the top-floor restaurant. In 2015, Alain Ducasse will open Rivea, following in the French-Italian vein of his London opening this year.



## ITALIAN JOB

Sightseeing in Roman heat can be tough going, so we like the look of **Jumeirah Grand Hotel Via Veneto's** (00 39 06 48 78 81) new breakout activity. Its Fiat 500 tour sees delegates hop around town in one of the vintage four-wheelers to uncover – with the help of an expert guide – some of the Eternal City's hidden secrets. More adventurous groups can sign up for a self-drive guided tour, during which a convoy will follow a tour leader.