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NYC's new restaurant must-tries

OUTSIDE of the litany of star chefs and restaurateurs setting up shop in new properties — Tom Colicchio and Keith McNally at The Beekman, José Andrés at the SLS, Daniel Rose at Il Howard, Andrew Carmellini at the William Vale and Wolfgang Puck at the Four Seasons — a quartet of beloved older hotels have recently opened, or will soon open, restaurants you'll want to try right away.

La Chine (lachinenyc.com), at Midtown's Waldorf-Astoria, brings to Manhattan a rare dose of modern pan-Chinese ultra-fine dining, over-

seen by the Hong Kong-born toque Jereme Leung.

Mario Batali and Joe Bastianich's latest project, and their first new New York restaurant in a decade, **La Sirena** (lasirena-nyc.com) landed in and around the courtyard of West Chelsea's Maritime Hotel last month, with a menu of dishes from up and down the Italian boot as well as the duo's top-shelf cocktail program.

New Delhi's raved-about **Indian Accent** (indianaccent.com), whose standout contemporary subcontinental fare has earned it a spot on the list of 50 best restaurants in the world,



FILLED TO THE GILLS: A lovely dish of trout at Impero Caffè.

launched its first satellite at the Parker Meridien a few weeks back.

And Charles Masson, late of his family's legendary French gastronomic mecca La Grenouille and fresh off his opening of chef Shea Gallante's Chevalier at the Baccarat Hotel, will debut his as-yet-unnamed next project late this summer. It's part of the refresh of the Upper East Side's **Lowell Hotel** (lowellhotel.com) by Obama White House designer Michael S. Smith.

Three more recently opened stays with new eateries of note, meanwhile, are: 1 Central Park, where chef Jonathan Waxman has reimaged his legendary 1980s California-cuisine joint **Jams** (jamsrestaurant.nyc); Hotel Indigo on the Lower East Side, where Gerber Group launched its rooftop, poolside lounge-like restaurant and bar **Mr. Purple** ([\[purplenyc.com\]\(http://purplenyc.com\)\); and Ininside, where Scott Conant has opened the pasta-focused **Impero Caffè** \(\[insideneewyork.com\]\(http://insideneewyork.com\)\), his first restaurant since leaving Scarpetta. —A.S.](http://mr</p>
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TAKES A LICKING: Don't resist her coy smile — that's La Chine's stellar beef tongue.

