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MANHATTAN'S HIGHEST DAILY CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER

What's cookin'?

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A Japanese restaurant where you can fish for your own dinner, a fast-casual pasta concept from an acclaimed chef, a club from a Broadway icon and a meadery from a former child star are just some of New York City's most anticipated openings this fall. Here's a look at where you'll be eating and drinking over the next few months.

JAPANESE IMPORTS

Wokuni

Tokyo Ichiban Foods, which operates 50 restaurants in Japan, is putting its stamp on the U.S. with its first American outpost. The company will fly seafood directly from its aquafarm in Nagasaki to Wokuni, where it will be fried, grilled, or prepared as sushi or sashimi. *Slated to open in September; 325 Lexington Ave.*

Tonchin

A spinoff of a ramen shop founded in Tokyo in 1992, Tonchin will serve Tokyo-style tonkotsu ramen. The sons of founder Kat-suhiro Sugeno, Toui and Anan, will be running the chain's first NYC location. *Slated to open in late September; 13 W. 36th St.*

The Lobster Club

Michelin-starred chef Tasuku Murakami will helm

this Japanese-style brasserie in the former Four Seasons building, where The Grill has already set up shop. *Slated to open in October; 98 E. 53rd St.*

Okuda

This upscale eatery from Michelin-starred Japanese chef Toru Okuda will serve kaiseki meals, the Japanese version of a tasting menu, showcasing seasonal ingredients. Quarters will be tight, with seven counter seats and a private room for six. *Slated to open in November; 458 W. 17th St.*

Zauo

Patrons can fish for their own dinner — from tanks in the dining room — at this Japanese chain's first U.S. location. Chefs will then prepare the haul in any style from fried to sashimi. *Slated to open in December; 152 W. 24th St.*



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