



Fall dining preview: 15 restaurants to watch

Rev up your appetites! The season's hottest tables, biggest chefs and crave-worthy bites.

Just when you finally scored that impossible-to-book table at The Dutch—*boom!* Welcome to the season's new crop of buzzworthy restaurants sure to give your reservation-booking skills a good workout.

It's a curious season, one noticeably more mellow than years past and without the frenetic bam-bam-bam hysteria of nonstop openings. Nevertheless, there's more than enough starpower to go around, including the first solo outing of "Top Chef" alum Dale Talde, the return of local fave Alain Allegretti, and the arrival of West Coast upstart Matthew Lightner. Here are 15 restaurants to keep an eye out for.

The best of the rest

OK, we cheated: There are more than 15 restaurants on this list. Here are a dozen other notable openings to keep on the radar for the next few months:

The boys behind the **Meatball Shop** keep rolling—they've got a West Village outpost in the works ...