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The week's new openings: **Bistro Vendome, Meatball Shop, Black Market, Bistro De La Gare, Gina La Fornarina**

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At Meatball Shop, balls of every stripe: beef, pork, salmon, chicken, even vegetable

Meatball Shop

What's the logical business plan for two restaurant guys who first became friends as delivery boys for a [vegan](#) restaurant? Open a shop that sells meatballs in all their varied forms, obviously. Co-owners Daniel Holzman and Michael Chernow have years of experience in the food business, at impressive spots like [Le Bernardin](#) and [Frank](#) respectively, but now they're turning their attention to serving up a panoply of meats in spherical form. Permutations are almost endless, with beef, pork, salmon, chicken and even vegetable ball varieties; sauces ranging from a classic tomato to a mushroom gravy; plus your choice of serving options including "naked," slider or hero. After you've mixed and matched your main dish you can choose a side like mashed potatoes and risotto, then grab a beer (or Barq's root beer) on tap. Just make sure you leave room for a scooped-to-order ice cream sandwich—another chance to mix and match from a range of [homemade](#) cookies and ice cream flavors. (84 Stanton St. between Allen and Orchard Sts., 212-982-8895)