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By Chantal Martineau Fri., Sep. 16 2011 at 2:45 PM

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Restaurants and bars, they come and they go. Here are a few making their debuts and bowing out this week. If you hear of any new openings or closings, let us know.

Coco, a Japanese restaurant in Williamsburg, has shuttered. [Eater]

The Burger Heaven location on Madison between 54th and 55th Streets is closed. Apparently, a Japanese restaurant will take over the space. [Midtown Lunch]

Mondello, a pizzeria in Midtown, closed about a month ago. [Midtown Lunch]

La Petite Auberge, in Midtown, is closing on October 8. The owners are promising a glass of champagne to those who come to say goodbye. [Eater]

East Harlem mainstay La Fonda Boricua, with its killer mofongo, closed in early August, just two months after its sister location, the FB Lounge, was seized for unpaid rent. [NY Daily News]

Café China promises to bring "really great Chinese" to Midtown. Dishes include ma po tofu, tea-smoked duck, Chungking braised beef, and kung pao fish. [NY Times]

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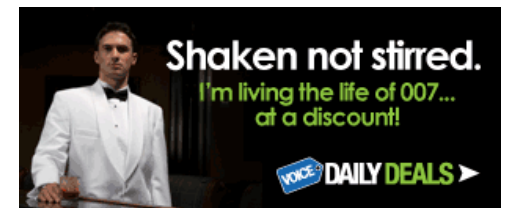
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The Upper West Side gets a new Italian, too, courtesy of the former La Focaccia owner. Machiavelli features murals by a Florentine painter.

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Yet another cocktail bar: The Tippler is opening under the Chelsea Market. Paul Tanguay and Tad Carducci, bar consultants known as the Tippling Brothers, are behind it.

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[21 Club](#) gets a bar makeover with Bar '21'. Expect classic cocktails and six beers on tap, including Guinness, Prohibition Ale, and Brooklyn Lager.

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*Top Chef* alum Hung Huynh is launching Catch, a three-story restaurant specializing in Asian-influenced seafood platters.

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Chelsea is getting a new Sicilian with Granduca di Sicilia, serving wood-fired pizzas, arancini, and sea urchin pasta.

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Interstate Food & Liquor brings more Pat LaFrieda burgers to the Lower East Side, as well as organic hot dogs and signature cocktails.

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Island Burgers & Shakes, in Hell's Kitchen, is expanding with an Upper West Side outpost, offering its menu of 64 different kinds of burgers.

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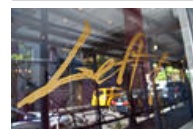
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