



The New Upper East Side: 11 Hot Spots to Visit

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Once the land of stuffy white-tablecloth restaurants and nothing-special sports bars, the Upper East Side has experienced an influx of trendier places to dine and drink over the past few years. Even The Fat Radish, the ultimate in LES cool, has opened two restaurants uptown, including the latest hot spot, [Pizza Beach](#). [Xi'an Famous Foods](#) has even recently expanded uptown. Here, we've rounded up some of the must-try spots in the ever-evolving neighborhood.

Seamstress: This stylish UES bar, another spot that's helping to transform the neighborhood's nightlife scene, opened earlier this year from Steve Laycock and Josh Mazza, the folks behind nearby cocktail den The Gilroy. The menu was conceived by chef Will Horowitz ([Ducks Eatery](#)) and the drinks by Pamela Wiznitzer (previously of Dead Rabbit). In alignment with the "sewing" theme teased out in the name, the American heritage menu is divided into three categories: Needlework, Gusset and Main Seams. (Cue the *Portlandia* parody.) Cocktail selections by Wiznitzer include signatures like the Wiz Fizz (Aviation gin, Cynar, lemon, cream, egg white, root beer), a "bartender's choice" and a signature charity cocktail that will rotate monthly. You'll also find 50 classic cocktails on the back of the menu, approved by cocktail guru Dave Wondrich. [339 E. 75th St.](#); 212-288-8033