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Sakai Dining Bar Focuses on Uni; RedFarm's Special Holiday Dumplings

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Where can you find the most creative takes on uni in the city and how will RedFarm's dumplings pay homage to the holidays this season? That and more in this week's dining news...



Saikai miyazaki beef topped with uni.

A Uni Lover's Dream Debuts in the West Village

If you're a fan of uni, the newly-opened [Saikai Dining Bar](#) is a must visit. A Uni 6 Ways menu will be offered between New Year's Eve and February, where sea urchin is highlighted in creative dishes like uni udon pasta and Miyazaki beef adorned with, yes, uni. This taste-of-the-sea dinner, which pairs each course with One Leaf wines, puts a refined twist on izakaya cuisine. The two chefs in the kitchen—Wing Cheng and Xiao Lin—are alums of Masa, so they know their way around this popular seafood ingredient. *24 Greenwich Ave., 646-838-5599*

Rossopomodoro's First Brick-and-Mortar Space

The Italian eatery has already found fans at locations in New York and Chicago but its recent opening in the Village is the first stand-alone location. The pastas are perfectly cooked and topped with seasonal ingredients while the pies are perfect for sharing. Order a negroni or prosecco to start your meal at [Rossopomodoro](#) and you'll feel like a little piece of Italy exists in New York. *118 Greenwich Ave., 212-242-2310*

A Luxurious Afternoon Tea at the Four Seasons

You don't have to stay at the [Four Seasons New York](#) to experience the hotel's luxurious services. Now, anyone can enjoy a decadent afternoon tea that's being offered throughout the month of December. If the bites of savory and sweet treats, including Maine lobster salad and hazelnut Napoleons, aren't enough to satisfy your appetite, add a glass of Louis Roederer champagne to toast the holidays. *57 E. 57th St., 212-758-5700*

Duet Brasserie Serves Up Opulence

Executive Chef Dmitry Rodoy and his wife, Executive Pastry Chef Diana Rodoy, are cooking up a

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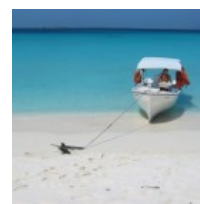
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globally influenced American menu at **Duet Brasserie** that includes everything from croissants to artisanal Italian coffees to a spread of charcuterie paired with wine. This West Village spot is filled with elegant touches—two of the dining rooms are candlelit while the second floor features a Swarovski crystal chandelier. *37 Barrow St., 212-255-5416*

A Special Holiday Twist on RedFarm's Soup Dumplings

Ordering a plate of dumplings at **RedFarm** is always a great way to start any meal, so it should come as no surprise that Chef Joe Ng, whose dim sum skills are praised all around the city, currently has black truffle soup dumplings on special. These tasty morsels are filled with a mix of chicken and pork and topped with generous shavings of truffles. *2170 Broadway, 212-724-9700; 529 Hudson St., 212-792-9700*

Sekend Sun Launches a Brunch Service

Recently-opened bar **Sekend Sun** may be located in Queens but the handsome venue and its serious cocktail menu is good enough to lure Manhattanites. Another reason to head there? Brunch is now being served. Chef Gary Tackett cooks up comforting dishes ranging from biscuits and gravy with scrambled eggs to shrimp and grits with Andouille gravy. *32-11 Broadway, Astoria, 917-832-6141*

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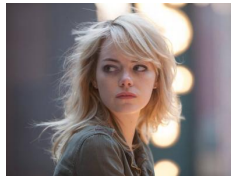
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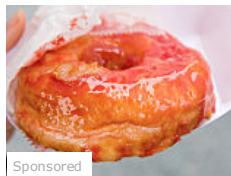
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