



SAY CHEESE!

Proudly touted as the Big Apple's first all-American cheese shop, Saxelby Cheesemongers in the Chelsea Market is a delicious emporium of farmstead and artisan varieties - all domestic. Shop (and taste, of course) Vermont blues, bloomy Boston bries, Wisconsin smoked goudas, and more, plus butters and American craft beers and ciders. If by the end of your stay you still haven't had your fill, the shop offers monthly cheese clubs so you can get the creamy goodness delivered straight to your front door. We recommend the club that includes chocolate, too. **75 9th Avenue, saxelbycheese.com**



BEACHFRONT BLISS

Queens just got its first luxury hotel, and it's a stunner. The Rockaway Hotel, an urban seaside property in Rockaway Beach, has 53 guest rooms along with eight fully furnished, extended stay suites, providing welcome respite from the city. This partnership between 7G Realty and IGC Hospitality has been a decade in the making; highlights include a full-service spa, rooftop bar with sweeping ocean views, and the only designated surfing beach within New York City limits. There's an emphasis on supporting local artists and brands, which is evident from the artwork in public spaces and guest rooms, plus film screenings, pop-up shops, and live entertainment. Bath amenities by Goldie's Natural Beauty and staff uniforms designed by Warm are just a few examples of local partnerships. **108-10 Rockaway Beach Drive, Rockaway Park, therockawayhotel.com**

RELAXED RADIANCE

Paul Stuart's 60,000-square-foot flagship store on Madison Avenue is bustling once again with more than 20 tailors and seamstresses on site, along with services like storefront pickup, free shipping, and hand delivery for those who wish to shop at a distance. A new Southampton outpost launched in July and will remain open through December with everything from sailing print sport jackets and lightweight knit polo shirts to foul weather anoraks. A new women's collection, dubbed Paul Stuart Advance, is a capsule collection of relaxed urban sportswear silhouettes in collaboration with Japanese designer Mika Sato and is available exclusively in New York. **Madison Avenue & East 45th Street; 50 Main Street, Southampton, paulstuart.com**



SOPHISTICATED SUSHI

Third-generation sushi chef Kunihide "Nakaji" Nakajima opened his debut namesake restaurant just days before the city shut down in March. Now he's back serving 12-course Edomae-style sushi omakase to just eight guests at a time with partitions between each party. The dual concept space tucked away in the Canal Arcade also serves limited edition Japanese whiskies and craft cocktails at the adjacent bar and the minimalist setting is outfitted with sleek cedar wood. Begin with elegant appetizers like silky jellyfish in plum sauce and delicately grilled or fried seasonal fish before the main event - a sumptuous parade of nigiri. Prior to opening Nakaji, Nakajima was the executive chef of Sushi Inoue, a Michelin-starred sushi restaurant in Harlem. **48 Bowery, nakajinyc.com**

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FRIEZE FRAME

Rockefeller Center unveiled its second iteration of Frieze Sculpture, a complimentary outdoor art exhibition that the public can enjoy anytime. Works from six major international artists are on display in public locations throughout Rockefeller Center through October 2. The exhibition, which was originally slated to debut on the 50th anniversary of Earth Day in April, was inspired by the site's and the city's natural materials of earth, rock, and plants. There's an ambitious garden installation by Ghada Amer, a bronze sculpture by Camille Henrot, flags by Andy Goldsworthy that were colored with earth collected from each of the 50 states, and more. **45 Rockefeller Plaza, frieze.com**

