



## CELEBRITY SKIN

At his UES dermatology clinic just across from Central Park, Dr. Dennis Gross helps fans of his famous Alpha Beta at-home daily peels achieve their skincare goals with a boost from professional strength treatments. What sets Dr. Gross apart is his keen understanding of how to combine treatments to achieve optimal results. For example, before a painless IPL Photofacial to rejuvenate skin and zap hyperpigmentation, a professional strength peel is administered, prepping the skin to best absorb the laser's benefits. New this holiday season is a line of advanced retinol and ferulic acid products to address aging and breakouts simultaneously. **900 5th Avenue, dennisgrossmd.com**



## MANHATTAN ON THE ROCKS

The newly opened Great Jones Distilling Co., Manhattan's first and only legal whiskey distillery since Prohibition, recently celebrated the launch of its restaurant, the Grid, adding upscale American fare to its cache of tours, tastings, and speakeasy cocktail bar. The NoHo distillery specializes in bourbon and rye whiskies crafted from 100% New York-sourced grain and aged in new charred American Oak barrels, and its cuisine is just as locally focused, featuring ingredients from upstate farms and purveyors. Chef Adam Raksin leads the culinary program, serving bourbon-infused sauces with steak frites, chilled prawns, and cheese plates. A decadent lobster roll is served with pickled cucumber, crispy shallots, and a toasted croissant, while the prime NY strip is dressed with Green Jones Four Grain and Green Peppercorn sauce. Enjoy a post-meal nightcap at the underground speakeasy. **686 Broadway, greatjonesdistillingco.com**



## IF THE SHOE FITS

After two years of pandemic-related delays, the iconic footwear brand Manolo Blahnik celebrated the opening of its New York flagship on Madison Avenue this summer, and the classic four-story luxury landmark is the perfect locale for upscale holiday shopping. The lead designer, Paris-based David Thomas, drew inspiration from the boutique's revered Upper East Side address, complementing the ground floor's cathedral-style ceilings with a parade of 18-foot fluted pilasters and display columns. The women's section is rendered in neutral shades of white and gray with the occasional splash of color from the shoes and jewel-toned upholstered seating, while the men's section radiates a sense of Hollywood regency, with backless angular sofas, blue lacquer walls, and a brass-topped cocktail bar. **717 Madison Avenue, manoloblahnik.com**



## SUSHI BAR BITES

Tucked away in the Canal Arcade, Nakaji is the hottest new sushi restaurant in New York from third-generation sushi chef

Kunihide Nakajima. The ten-seat omakase is one of the hardest reservations in town, but now you can also try sashimi, nigiri, and seasonal osumami small plates including fresh sea cucumber and wasabi marinated wild bluefin tuna at Bar Nakaji next door. All seafood is wild caught and nearly everything comes from Japan. This winter, look for seasonal nigiri including hirame (flake), sawara (Japanese Spanish mackerel), buri (wild yellowtail), and ankimo (monkfish liver). Bar Nakaji also has an impressive array of rare Japanese whiskies and exclusive Junmai Daiginjo sake in collaboration with Suigei, a century-old sake brewery in the Kochi prefecture of Japan. **48 Bowery, nakajinyc.com**

Checking in at Mint House's Financial District flagship at 70 Pine is like staying at your stylish friend's pied-à-terre. The suites are three times the size of standard hotel rooms and feature full kitchens that are pre-stocked with your pick of groceries, plus in-unit laundry, vinyl turntables, and on-demand fitness with MIRROR. If you want any of the furniture, amenities, or bluetooth speakers, every element of the space is shoppable with the scan of a QR code. Details like freshly ground coffee from artisan roaster Black Fox Coffee next door and all the accoutrements needed to make the perfect pour make Mint House feel like a true home away from home. If you don't feel like cooking, Michelin-starred Crown Shy is right next to the lobby. **70 Pine Street, minthouse.com/property/70-pine**



## DIVA IN THE DISTRICT