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David Burke's Fabrick Offers a Fresh Take on American Fare in Midtown

Chef Adin Langille at Helm of New Restaurant at the Archer Hotel

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The seared salmon. Claudio Papapietro for The Wall Street Journal

David Burke's new restaurant fabrick—the name a nod to its Garment District location—is a lunchtime oasis in a section of Midtown that has been thirsty for better dining options for a long time.

Mr. Burke's whimsical touches and international inspiration are evident on the menu, which offers a fresh take on American fare with Executive Chef Adin Langille at the helm.

"David and I designed the concept around the fabric of New York cuisine. We wanted to bring together different ethnic influences you see in food in the city, from Thai to Latin to Indian," says Mr. Langille.



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The avocado panna cotta served with blue corn tortilla and plantain chips. Claudio Papapietro for The Wall Street Journal

Nestled on the ground floor of the Archer Hotel, the restaurant feels simultaneously modern and homey. Wood walls and an open kitchen with brass cookware create a warm environment, while red chairs and yellow couches provide a pop of color.

The extensive lunch menu includes appetizers, wood-fired pizza and pasta.

Standouts include a creative take on chips and dip called avocado panna cotta

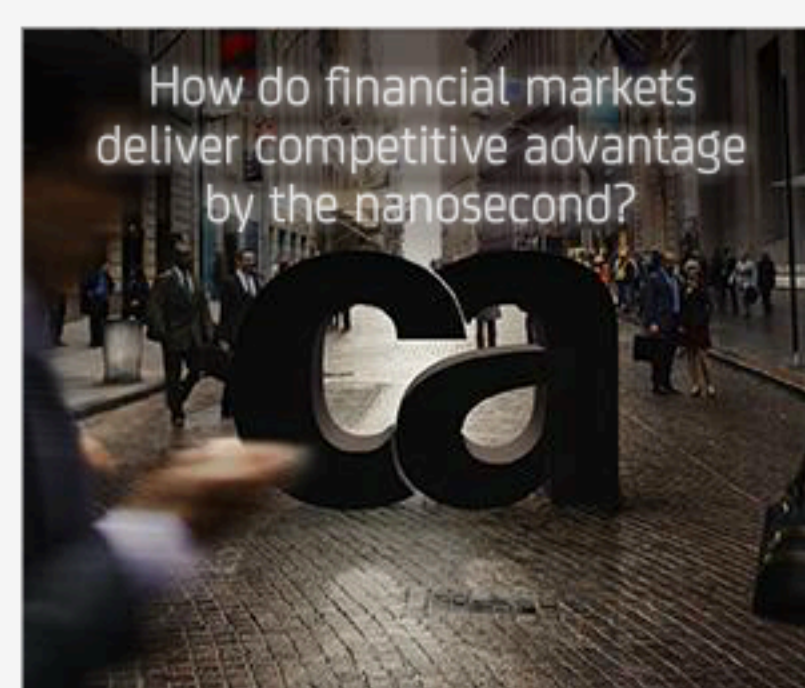
(\$16), served with blue corn tortillas, plantain chips and tomato pico, and the seared salmon (\$29), which comes with chickpea fries, roasted eggplant and peppadew hummus. The asparagus and wild mushroom pappardelle (\$24) is deliciously rich yet still feels light and fresh.

And if guests have room for dessert, the chocolate-hazelnut Burke-n' Bag (\$14), a cacao mousse and raspberry ganache dessert in the shape of a purse, is an excellent and clever choice.

David Burke fabrick, 47 W. 38th St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues; open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 212-302-3838.



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