

It was an eventful year for NYC dining in 2015: fried chicken joints stole the spotlight, along with nouveau Korean restaurants and trussed-up vegan and vegetarian restaurants. Though its got a tough act to follow, 2016 is already teeming with new, equally mouthwatering prospects. From long-awaited efforts (you may recognize some still-delayed holdovers from last year) to surprising newcomers, mark your calendars for the best NYC restaurant openings in 2016.

## **Momosan Ramen & Sake**

Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto, affectionally known as Momosan, dives into ramen for the first time restaurant at this Murray Hill izakaya. Expect the traditional varieties—there's an emphasis on tonkotsu (pork bone) and chicken broths—as well as a sizable selection of sakes. 432 Lexington Ave

Estimated opening: February