

RED DOT NYC: Fried Chicken and 'Bubbles'  
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Openings include a Southern-style eatery focused on fried chicken and champagne, a New American restaurant in the Beaumarchais space, a Tribeca Italian spot w/ two vertical garden walls, a restaurant inside Avery Fisher Hall w/ sounds from the NY Philharmonic and the rooftop lounge atop the Hotel Hugo.

Morsi in Tribeca (opened Sept. 25)

- \* 82-seat Italian small plates restaurant from owner Vip Manchanda, who previously partnered at upscale tequila lounge Su Casa while working at Prudential Financial

- \* Manchanda left the financial industry in 2009, around the same time he became a partner at Tribeca pizza/past joint Brick; he later took on the role of promotional director for La Zarza

- \* Decor has a white motif w/ brick walls and two living self-irrigating garden walls in the back of the dining room with more than 60 plants, including tropical varieties such as the creeping fig from East Asia

- \* Chef Kenneth Johnson previously cooked at Pescatore, Picholine and Osteria Fiorella

- \* Dishes: Sweet potato gnocchi w/ slow-braised young rabbit and chestnut gremolata; branzino w/ guanciale, prosciutto butter and pumpkin; several "Parmigiana" options including a duck w/ dates, port wine and tallegio and a lobster fra diavolo w/ squid ink linguine

- \* Private room downstairs with its own bar can accommodate up to 115 guests for events and parties

- \* Open Mon.-Sat. 5pm-11pm; lunch available soon

- \* 22 Warren St. b/w Church and Broadway; 212-577-2725

- \* Website: <http://bit.ly/YlOaF8>