The 15 Hottest New Restaurants in Manhattan, March 2022

A long-coming restaurant revival at the Hotel Chelsea and two crispy fried chicken spots join the list this month

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Eater editors get asked one question more than any other: Where should I eat right now? Here, we’ve put together a map of the latest Manhattan debuts drawing NYC’s dining obsessives.

New to the list in March: El Quijote (a long-in-the-works restaurant revival at the Hotel Chelsea), Rowdy Rooster (an Indian fried chicken spot from the powerhouse duo behind NYC hot spots Dhamaka and Adda), Charles Pan-Fried Chicken (a Harlem icon making its debut on the Upper West Side), and So Do Fun (the first U.S. expansion of a popular Chinese chain).
6. El Quijote

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El Quijote’s return has been four years in the making, ever since the Hotel Chelsea shut down the storied spot for renovations in 2018. The Spanish restaurant has now been polished and revamped by the hip team behind Sunday in Brooklyn. Seafood is the highlight here, from lobster grilled on a plancha and slicked in butter and sherry, to the restaurant’s famed paella, now studded with squid, cockles, mussels, blue prawns, and rabbit.

Paella from El Quijote. | Eric Medsker/El Quijote