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## 10 Reasons Why the Upper East Side is New York City's Hottest Neighborhood Right Now

With an influx of new luxury addresses and must-try restaurants, and updates to some of our favorite hotels, the UES is the place to be.

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A leafy haven known for its venerable museums, high-end boutiques, and close proximity to Central Park, the Upper East Side has a reputation for being one of Manhattan's most charming—and, admittedly, staid—neighborhoods. Recently, however, the entire city seems to be heading uptown. With the opening of the first phase of the long-awaited Second Avenue subway line earlier this year, an influx of new establishments with a downtown sensibility is turning this sleepy enclave into the city's hottest place to be. Here's a look at the restaurants, residences, hotels, and museums that are defining the new Upper East Side.



Lobby lounge at the Kent. Photo courtesy of The Kent









Set on a tree-lined section of East 95th Street, the Kent is a prime example of downtown style moving uptown—wayuptown. The striking new tower, perched on the northernmost edges of the Upper East Side, holds 83 condo residences, ranging from two to five bedrooms and 1,285 to

5,000 square feet. All boast 10- to-15-foot ceilings, custom millwork and hardware, massive windows, and ebonized or brushed oak flooring. A select few feature large terraces. The building's three levels of amenities include a third-floor garden with billiards table, full catering kitchen, and landscaped courtyard; state-of-the-art fitness center with heated indoor pool and Finnish saunas; a dog-washing station; and Camp Kent, an interactive children's lounge with outdoor playground. Most unique of all, however, is the building's one-of-a-kind Sound Lounge, designed by musician Lenny Kravitz's firm Kravitz Design. A combination screening room and recreation room, the space features a rehearsal studio stocked with professional-quality instruments.

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