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PLUS Kirsten Gillibrand, Alexandra Lebenthal,
the Brownstone Boom, and more!

GUIDE **imbibe**

A hit with the fashion crowd, Stone Rose Lounge returns for Fashion Week this year.

Stylish Sips

FASHION'S FAVORITE WATERING HOLES.

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EVR

Bringing a downtown vibe to midtown, EVR draws Garment District regulars for custom cocktails curated by mixologist Orson Salicetti. The "Classic" menu features such tried-and-true favorites as Manhattans, Negronis, and mint juleps, while "Lift" offers edgier options, like the tomato basil martini, a mix of savory ingredients like basil-infused gin and a habañero reduction topped with flambéed peppercorns, or the EVRlution, a gin-based drink tinged with absinthe. **54 W. 39th St., 212-997-3900; evrnyc.com**

Forty Four

A mainstay of the glitzy '80s, Forty Four at the Royalton hotel still lures actors from the Theater District, models fresh from go-sees at nearby fashion houses, and boldfacers like Brad Pitt and Michael Bay. The cocktail menu features well-known drinks with flavorful twists: The Jackrabbit Margarita has a carrot boost; the Garden Gibson, a muddle of cocktail onions and basil; and The Perfect Storm (a Dark and Stormy variation) offers a tamarind, cayenne, and cardamom kick. **Royalton, 44 W. 44th St., 212-944-8844; royaltonhotel.com**

Library at Hudson Hotel

As soon as the day's runway shows are over, fashion scribes, retail honchos, and designers head to Library at the Hudson Hotel. The space's design and mood suggest an old English club, perfect for kicking back with house favorites like a Rare Fashioned (Eagle Rare bourbon mixed with blackberries, agave nectar, and lemon) while perusing fashion titles from Library's book collection or even playing billiards with a well-known designer. **Hudson Hotel, 356 W. 58th St., 212-554-6000; hudsonhotel.com**

P.J. Clarke's

Ever since Frank Sinatra claimed Table 20 at the original P.J. Clarke's on Third Avenue, this saloon has hosted countless famous faces. P.J.'s westside outpost continues to attract A-listers, particularly during Fashion Week. Even pencil-thin fashionistas find the Cadillac (a bacon cheeseburger named by Nat King Cole) hard to resist. Also a must—the Patrick Joseph Clarke Sidecar, made with Hennessy VS Cognac, Cointreau, and fresh lemon juice. **44 W. 63rd St., 212-957-9700; pjclarkes.com**

The Beatrice Inn's bar does classics with a twist.

The Rooftop

Heidi Klum and Rihanna are among the fashionistas who have stopped by this rooftop bar on the 12th floor of The Empire Hotel. An expansive space offering 360-degree views, the lounge offers a menu of creatively-mixed cocktails, like the açai-lychee martini, made with Grey Goose Le Citron vodka, Cedilla açai liqueur, and lychee purée and the Empire State of Mind, a concoction of Suntory Yamazaki 12-year whiskey, port, and orange bitters. **The Empire Hotel, 44 W. 63rd St., 212-265-7400; empirehotelnyc.com**

Salon de Ning

The global style set feels at home in this sleek lounge, decorated in what its designers call Shanghai Deco, a style inspired by a fictional 1930s Asian socialite, Madame Ning. The salon, with adjoining rooftop terraces overlooking the

heart of midtown, is known for its sparkling cocktails, among them the Poinsettia, made with Framboise, Pama, Pom, and Champagne. Also try the tiramisu martini and the Blueberry Sling, a mix of blueberry vodka, Chambord, and fresh mint leaves. **The Peninsula, 700 Fifth Ave., 212-956-2888; peninsula.com**

Stone Rose Lounge

Serving as Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week's official lounge last year, Stone Rose quickly became the place to mix and mingle. "It was a hit with the fashion set," says Scott Gerber, CEO of Gerber Group, who expects to be involved with Fashion Week goings-on. "It's a place people can unwind between shows and catch up with friends." **Time Warner Center, 10 Columbus Circle, 212-823-9770; gerberbars.com** **G**



VILLAGE PEOPLE

What to drink at Graydon Carter's latest venture, **Beatrice Inn**.

It's been called a "scene restaurant," but the scene at Beatrice Inn is one everyone wants to be part of. Once a nighttime hangout for the likes of Lindsay Lohan and Ashley Olsen, the West 12th Street hot spot recently reopened as a steakhouse. The cocktail menu veers toward the classics with a twist—try the Negroni Bianco made with gin and Lillet Blanc; the Jack Rose with Calvados and pomegranate molasses; and El Diablo, a combination of Tequila Cabeza, lime, cassis, and ginger beer. The fashion crowd, including Russian model Irina Shayk and actress Scarlett Johansson, were among the first to stop by as soon as the inn was reopened. **285 W. 12th St., 917-566-7400**

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