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The New York New Venue Report

Development is what New York does best, and the past year saw the city continue to expand its ample collection of places to eat, meet, stay, and entertain. Several cultural institutions have undergone large overhauls, ongoing construction is expanding the options on the west side, and, nearly 10 years after the devastation of September 11, Lower Manhattan is rapidly rebuilding. Our annual venue report explores recent additions to the scene, including a new screening spot in Midtown, a hotel conference space planned for the World Financial Center, and a winemaking facility in Brooklyn.

NEW W NEW YORK—DOWNTOWN

Continuing the expansion of the W Hotel brand, Starwood Hotels and Resorts opened this new property in August 2010. In the financial district, just south of where the Freedom Tower will stand, the downtown building has 217 guest rooms and 223 residential units. There are four meeting and event spaces—the largest is a combination of studio spaces totaling 1,320 square feet—as well as inhouse restaurant BLT Bar & Grill. (123 Washington St., 646.826.8600)