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Art is at the heart of Pritzker Architecture Prize-winning firm Herzog & de Meuron's newest residential undertaking in TriBeCa—both literally and figuratively. The team's mission for the soon-to-be-erected 60-story luxury structure was simple: They wanted it to feel like a piece of sculpture plunked down in the middle of the iconic New York City skyline. They didn't, however, stop with the tower's puzzle-piece, Jenga-inspired facade. Instead, they reached out to celebrated artist Anish Kapoor, whose specially commissioned, dazzling steel sculpture—his first permanent public installation in New York—will soon serve as the base for the 145-residence building's ambitious architecture. 56leonardtribeca.com; herzogdemeuron.com

DATE BOOK

Yael AFLALO: REFORMATION

Since 2010, Yael Aflalo's clothing line, Reformation, and the brand's locations on Howard Street in SoHo and Ludlow Street on the Lower East Side have become staples for a certain type of woman: cool, confident and in-the-know. Aflalo's super-luxe wardrobe basics and dresses are effortlessly stylish and cosmopolitan—a veritable uniform for big-city chic. Here, the tastemaker taps her love and knowledge of New York City to deliver the perfect whirlwind itinerary for the shopping enthusiast. thereformation.com

9 a.m. The best way to start the day is with breakfast at Café Gitane on Mott Street. Their avocado toast—avocado, lemon juice, olive oil and chili flakes on seven-grain bread—is an absolute must.

10 a.m. First thing's first: When you have a busy day ahead of you, it's important to take some time for yourself, so be sure to get your morning manicure in at Spazio.

11 a.m. Walk around Nolita and make your way to the Lower East Side across Bowery. There are a great mix of vintage and consignment shops along this stretch that are so much more relaxed than many places people would think of in key shopping districts.

12 p.m. Make a quick stop for some caffeine at El Rey Coffee Bar & Luncheonette on Stanton Street before paying us a visit at Reformation. I promise you'll find something you love here.

1 p.m. If you're craving something sweet, Economy Candy has one of the biggest selections of goodies in NYC. The place itself takes you back in time in the best way.

2 p.m. It's getting late, so now that you've had dessert, head over to Dimes on Division Street for lunch. All of their bowls are incredible—both healthy and satisfying. You can't go wrong there. I love Balthazar, too, though; it's one of my favorite places in New York. Their food is excellent, and the ambience is classic.

3 p.m. Pop by the Lehmann Maupin Gallery and the New Museum for a dose of inspiration. Taking in some art is the best pick-me-up to beat a late-afternoon lull.

4 p.m. Don't miss the happy hour at Tacombi at Fonda Nolita. All of their cocktails are made with fresh juices, so I don't feel so bad drinking in the afternoon.

6 p.m. Finish your day with dinner at Dudleys on Orchard Street. It's a great farm-to-table spot. They work with local suppliers, so everything on their menu is always fresh and delicious.



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