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### BERLIN HEIGHTS

Property development group Euroboden is building a unique apartment house at Johannisstraße in Mitte, Berlin's downtown district. J. MAYER H. architects' design for the building, which will soon neighbour both Museum Island and Friedrichstraße, reinterprets the classic Berliner Wohnhaus with its multi-unit structure and green interior courtyard. A suspended lamella facade not only provides privacy but also draws historical reference to the elaborately decorated facades from the Wilhelminian period. The generously sized apartments will face south-west, opening themselves to a view of the calm, carefully designed courtyard garden. Spacious, breezy transitions to the outside create an open residential experience in the middle of the city that, thanks to the variable heights of the different building levels, also offers an interesting succession of rooms. The units' varying floor plans and layouts indicate a number of housing options; condominiums are organised into townhouses with private gardens, classic apartments or penthouses with a spectacular view of the old Friedrichstadt. The integrated design concept, which incorporates everything from façade to stairwells, elevators to apartment interiors, promises a unique spatial and living experience with an eye to high design.

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### LONDON NEIGHBOUR

Franco Manca can be described as the new neighbourhood arrival stealing the limelight. Known for its pizzas, Franco Manca started serving at Brixton Market where after years of around-the-block queues for its infamous slices, finally opened its pied-à-terre on Chiswick High Street. Known to all Londonites as the Pizzeria of choice, the pizza is made from slow-rising sourdough (minimum 20 hours) and is baked in a wood burning 'Tufac' brick oven made in Naples by a specialist artisan. This system was originally developed by the Greek settlers who, in the 5th century BC founded Neapolis (new town). They adapted a pre-existing baking tradition to develop this new 'pita', which through experimentation, luck and linguistic distortions, became pizza. Keeping true to tradition FM still only serves pizza and nothing else, apart from tantalising antipasti, although the novelty lies in the cheese. Importing buffalos from Italy means that the mozzarella is produced around the corner and arrives on diners' plates fresh and delicious. The décor is simple with dashes of bright colours adorning the back wall but nothing to distract you from your plate. Fully booked every night, FM uses minimal design but show-stopping encores in the kitchen.

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### GET WET, GET WILD, GET PAMPERED, GET EXCITED...

Because New York's newest urban resort, Gansevoort Park, debuts this summer. Triplex rooftop pool complex, spa, ballroom, dining and retail all under one roof! The Gansevoort Hotel Group, known for pioneering the rooftop pool, will open its fourth and most upscale property, with the opening of Gansevoort Park. The 249-room urban resort promises an uptown experience with a downtown vibe. Just as Gansevoort's first location in the Meatpacking District is credited with spurring the neighborhood's transition from gritty to chic, Gansevoort Park aspires to invigorate this corridor of the city on Park Avenue between Madison Square and Gramercy Park. The dramatic three-storey lobby, guestrooms, penthouse suite and pool area are being designed by architect Stephen B. Jacobs and interior designer Andi Pepper (the team responsible for Gansevoort Meatpacking). Manhattan-based ICRAVE is designing Asellina and the infusion bar. Gansevoort Park's design is decidedly contemporary with some classical references and inspiration drawn from a peek-a-boo aesthetic of 1940's glam. Noted photographer Deborah Anderson's sensual art will be integrated throughout the hotel on walls, table tops and in guest rooms. A sophisticated and fun-filled environment and first-rate service awaits you beyond those opening doors.

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