



Monday Opening Report: Bistrounge Certified Open, Naya Soft-Open, Lugo Caffe Tonight

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1) **Chelsea/Hell's Kitchen:** This one's interesting. The owners of Lugo Menswear are expanding their brand into an Italian restaurant called **Lugo Caffe**, reportedly opening this week according to [NYMag](#). Here's the story: "The 150-seat spot has replaced their previous foray into food, Tupelo Grill, but chef Greg Lombardi has stayed on to convert the steaks-and-chops menu into one that celebrates, as the newly installed sign over the bar advertises, la dolce vita. Selections now include fried artichokes with lemon aioli, the increasingly popular clam pizza...plus such steakhouse vestiges as the New York strip and a \$72 porterhouse "Fiorentina" for two." The [Strongbuzz](#) reports it will open tonight and phone calls confirm. **Status:** Not Open. Opening tonight. *One Penn Plaza, 33rd Street near 8th Avenue; 212-760-2700.* [NYM; Strongbuzz]