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Lugo Caffé

Looks like **Freemans'** Taavo Somer now has some company in the ultra-specialized clothing-meets-cooking club: Nolita Italian menswear shop Lugo branches out with an Italian café right off Madison Square Garden. Which, of course, answers the age-old question: What goes well with that tie? Uh...antipasti! Pastas! Pizzas! Chef Greg Lombardi dishes out lots 'em, from truffled gnocchi to seafood linguini to puttanesca pizza, plus a selection of cheese, cured meats and crudi. The earth-toned dining area, which seats about 150, ups the glam nostalgia with black-and-white pics of Italians living *la dolce vita*. Hang on to that thought, as you later brave the crush of fans, post-Rangers game. (*One Penn Plaza at 33rd St., 212-760-2700*)