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## A gustatory townhouse in the LES

► From the Stanton Social team, Beauty & Essex opens Saturday

Hidden behind a semi-functioning pawn shop lined with everything from KISS figurines to old books, the team behind Stanton Social's lavish new gustatory townhouse Beauty & Essex is split between a downstairs dining room marked by peacock feather decorations and an upstairs lounge reachable via a spiral staircase that swirls around a giant crystal chandelier.

Sticking to the small-plate concept, things start

with raw bar fare like chori-zo-topped tuna sashimi and Kobe carpaccio with wasabi egg yolk, plus a nightly selection of crostinis (burrata, bone marrow) called "Jewels on Toast." More substantial are options including a garlic aioli and feta burger (with duck fat fries) and chicken-fried oysters.

And if your woman can't sneak back any of the comped bubbly from the ladies room (!), you can nab a variety of thoughtful cocktails.



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146 Essex St.  
212-614-0146  
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