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## Spread

*It's food, not porn.*

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**Spread**  
323 3rd Ave.  
New York, NY 10010  
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The name calls to mind dirty magazines and low- fat margarine, but Spread, a new Murray Hill eatery, is a class act. The venue has a sophisticated lounge atmosphere, with a cool jazz soundtrack and an extensive cocktail menu that includes specialty drinks, sake and a good selection of wines. The clientele is mostly stylish thirtysomethings who have outgrown the East Village scene, and moneyed bankers adventuresome enough to leave Park Avenue South. The Pan-Asian fusion cuisine includes delicious nibblers, from bamboo-steamed rock shrimp dumplings to lovingly crafted hand-rolls. And the waitstaff, dressed in requisite black, forego the aloof hipster attitude in favor of friendly service. Positioned on an unremarkable stretch of Third Avenue, Spread is a surprisingly seductive discovery in an otherwise nondescript neighborhood. -- *Leslie Rosenberg*

**Restaurant**  
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