

The Forum Shops at Caesars Palace.

LAS VEGAS

# New York Stake

Sin City gets an East Coast accent as shops and restaurants from Manhattan roll out on the Strip

➔ Grand Central Terminal it's not, but **Caesars Palace** in Las Vegas is becoming a nexus for commuters of a certain stripe: restaurateurs and retailers who are coming to town by way of New York. In the casino's **Mesa Grill**, chef Bobby Flay turns out his Southwestern cuisine—tuna tartare with serrano chile sauce, and massive corn-encrusted *chiles rellenos* (702-731-7731; entrées, \$20–\$32). There's a full house of New York storefronts at Caesars' recently expanded **Forum Shops** (3500 Las Vegas Blvd. S.; 702-893-4800). **Nanette Lepore** carries the designer's fun and feminine chic bohemian pieces. **Scoop** sells the trendy staples New York women love: low-rise cords, silky tops, the latest Jimmy



Choos. Fifth Avenue institution **Harry Winston** stocks rocks and timepieces to blow a jackpot on. Arriving in the Big Apple in 2003, **Vosges Haut-Chocolat** has become one of SoHo's sweetest lures; its exotic goodies, like a ginger/wasabi/sesame seed chocolate bar, soothe the sting of a losing streak. And **Kiehl's** skin and hair potions promise to undo the damage of overindulging.

## CAESARS DRESSING

Tops at the Forum Shops



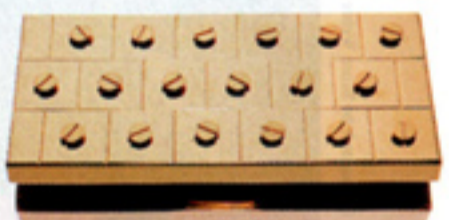
**NANETTE LEPORE**  
For those who bet on red, this jacket is just the ticket, and it cuts quite the figure at the tables (\$355).

**Other Players** *Caesars isn't the only casino in town betting on New York. Mandalay Bay has just opened offshoots of RM, serving chef Rick Moonen's seafood, and of Alain Ducasse's quirky Mix. This year, The Venetian reincarnates Midtown Manhattan's Tao nightclub, with a replica of its 20-foot golden Buddha.*

**HARRY WINSTON**  
Even a Vegas wedding calls for a bit o' bling. At 3.78 carats, this rock is for high rollers only (price available upon request).



**VOSGES HAUT-CHOCOLAT**  
For big spenders with a sweet tooth, a hat box packs the complete range of exotic goodies, like this truffle of milk chocolate, coconut, and sweet Indian curry powder (8 pounds plus, \$200).



**SCOOP**  
Vegas is equal parts cash and flash. TRB's Tory bag, resembling a bar of gold, addresses both (\$395).

**KIEHL'S**  
Cryste Marine Cream soothes skin dried out by desert and casino air (50 ml, \$45).



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