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### Roof Rites at the Hôtel Americano



Now that rooftops are the new lobbies among New York hotels, along comes the latest refinement: La Piscine, the pool bar and restaurant on top of the new Hôtel Americano. Reached directly from the street by an external glass elevator, the space at 10 stories up, looks north and east over the glamorously gritty cityscape of industrial Chelsea and west toward a slice of the Hudson. In warm weather, tapas and

mezcalitos are the specialties of the house, while in winter a big glass garage door will seal off the glass-roofed dining area, where fondue and hot sake will be served. Even the pool will be winterized: the four-foot-deep oasis will morph into a hot tub, accessorized with ultrathick robes and slippers; 518 West 27th Street.

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