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WHY DOES IT COST SO MUCH?

THE \$37,995 BATHTUB

For over 40 years, Porcelanosa—the Spanish luxury tile, kitchen and bath manufacturer—has been creating covetable home staples. Their new line of Bioprot tubs (below, the Samara) range in price from \$30,000 to \$50,000. The price tag may shock, but the craftsmanship, sleek design and sheer heft of the pieces (made from a single stone block) help justify the cost.



ICEBERG AGE

Maligned as a bit of mid-century modern, the iceberg wedge, long been pushed in favor of salads on of trendier green as kale and arugula thanks to the effects of culinarians like the restaurants below. Once-dowdy dining, experiencing a rebirth, updates haute technique imaginative ingredients.

M. Wells Steak

Charred wedges are served with pan-seared lamb chops, rosemary-walnuts and a buttermilk-blue cheese dressing. *New York; magashu*

Ad Hoc

Thomas Keller's employs sweet baby lettuce dotted with Roma tomatoes, grown radishes and Reyes blue cheese dressing. *Yountville, California; adhocrestaurant*

Scofflaw

Festooned with pickled red onions, creamy feta vinaigrette, this Greek-inflection pairs nicely with Chicago's scofflawchicago.

DOG Kitchen

Daniel Boulud gives French twist to the classic, using crème fraîche in the dressing and dusting of herbs like tarragon. *New York; dogkitchen*



SWIMMING THE NEW YORK SKYLINE

'A chicken in every pot' is a fine thing—but for wealthy Manhattanites looking for something more, how about a pool on every balcony? For his first project in the U.S., Singapore-based architect and developer Soo Chan has upped the ante on New York condominiums (which have already seen private parking garages and on-staff sushi chefs) with his Soori High Line, breaking ground this spring on 20th Street near 10th Avenue. The 11-story structure is loaded with deluxe features, including ultra-high ceilings, exotic wood finishes and gas-burning fireplaces. But it also has something no other condo has: Private outdoor pools are in 16 of its 27 units. The objective, says Chan, is "to introduce resort-living to the city"—a taste of balmy Southeast Asia amidst the bustle of West Chelsea. —Jan Volner