

Outdoors Like Lunch With Monet



AN URBAN
OASIS THAT
DRAWS UPON
THE GARDENS
OF PARIS.

▶ The garden that opened last month at Ladurée, the restaurant and shop in SoHo, is a 2,600-square-foot oasis designed to evoke Paris. Elisabeth Holder, a president of Ladurée in the United States, said that the green powder-coated metal chairs are airy interpretations of their counterparts at the Luxembourg Garden and the Tuileries, while the black metal trellises on arched windows were inspired by the Hôtel Plaza Athénée. (Visitors will also note that an antique fountain burbles like a messenger from Proust.)

A feature of the \$600,000 renovation not inspired by the French are cherry trees left over from the previous occupant, Barolo, a restaurant. But they, too, have been upgraded. Each tree trunk is wired so that guests sitting at the marble tables can charge their cellphones and computers. Ladurée is at 398 West Broadway (Spring Street). Information: 646-392-7868 or laduree.com.

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