



## David Chang's Momofuku Kawi Closes at Hudson Yards

Restaurant is the latest dining spot in the Manhattan complex to close during the pandemic

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Another high-profile business in Manhattan's Hudson Yards has closed. Momofuku Kāwi, the contemporary Korean restaurant from Michelin-starred chef David Chang's Momofuku group, has shut its doors. The dining spot had never reopened during the pandemic, but made its permanent closure official earlier this week.

Kāwi's shutdown follows the departure of a number of tenants at the \$25 billion Hudson Yards complex, which was developed by Related Cos. and Oxford Properties Group and runs from 30th Street to 34th Street and from 10th Avenue to 12th Avenue. The complex opened in 2019.

Area businesses, investors and leaders have wondered about the effect the pandemic and

the shift to working from home could have on demand for New York office space. That suggests that the complex might be putting less emphasis on destination restaurants with higher price tags, such as Kāwi.

Arlene Spiegel, a New York-based hospitality consultant, said the complex needs to rethink its upscale model on the retail side and appeal to a broader demographic, at least in the short and middle term. "It's really going to need to be a middle-class mall," she said.

Hudson Yards has also closed its Vessel attraction, a towering interactive sculpture in which visitors could climb their way to the top via a series of staircases. The shutdown came following incidents involving individuals who died by suicide by jumping from the Vessel. ●