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State of Gracie's

WHEN PORTLAND STARTS feeling a little too small—you've run into one too many old high school flames over the weekend, perhaps, or this morning the same person cut in front of you at the grocery store, the coffee shop *and* the bank—finding quick, temporary anonymity is the best remedy. And what better way to disappear for a few hours than to seek cover in a hotel restaurant? Seated in a sharkskin chair at Gracie's restaurant—in the new Hotel Deluxe, which replaced the storied Hotel Mallory last May—you may even find yourself adopting an entirely new persona. Conveniently, the opulent dining room is both regally baroque and old-school Hollywood, which means that in your attempt to lose yourself in an inviting plate of chicken Oscar or mint-marinated lamb, you can sport Hepburn sunglasses *or* a tiara without anyone taking notice. (Wear both at the same time, though, and all bets are off.) That's not to say you won't be amply taken care of. But when an impeccably dressed, well-mannered waiter asks if you'd like another glass of Champagne, you shouldn't hesitate to respond with an affirmatively suave, undistracted Cary Grant nod. —*Camus Davis*

GRACIE'S AT THE
HOTEL DELUXE

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