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Filling a void for male shoe fetishists, a new men's luxury shoe store makes its home in the West Village. A design collaboration between New York-based firm Front Studio and store owners Steven and Hiroko Taffel, the space provides clientele with a warm yet masculine atmosphere in which high-end European footwear is showcased on a dining room table. Juxtaposing modern elements with traditional décor, project architect Yen Ha conceptualized the space as a dining room. The centerpiece of the 800-square-foot room is a custom-fabricated ash dining room table complete with a set of six chairs draped in white linen. The chairs are used to display shoes and double as seating for clientele. The dark color of the walls contrasts with the smoked oak floor, giving the room a rich, velvety background and making sure the shoes are the center of attention. A polished nickel chandelier, selected by the owners, hovers over the expanse of the table. DR