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As the pandemic wreaked havoc on the mom-and-pop shops of America, two life-long friends came together to open a downtown Nantucket market that will specialize in local goods and produce. When Tessa Cressman and Jenny Bence heard about the available storefront at 4 India Street—formerly home to The Bean—they decided the time was right to seize their dream of opening The Green Market. Amidst the first shutdown in the spring of 2020, they got to work creating a space that would not only support local farmers and artisans, but also be environmentally sustainable. As a “downtown extension” to Bence’s successful mid-island fresh juice and sandwich shop The Green, The Green Market on India Street will offer fresh juice and smoothies as well as a grab-and-go selection of sandwiches on homemade breads as well as composed salads. Fresh cut flowers, local jams, honey and “as much locally sourced and homemade goods as possible” will fill out the remaining shelves, says Bence. There are also plans to sell organic wines and cheeses. “We’ll have everything you need to host a barbeque on Nantucket or to grab lunch if you’re working downtown,” says Cressman. “And thanks to Jenny, the food is going to be so delicious and healthy.” The Green Market is slated to open this June. **N**



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