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A CUT ABOVE

Thanks to the new Barbershop Lounge, men scouting salon-laden Newbury Street for a cut and a shave will no longer be in a lather. The illustrious ave's beauty havens have long catered to the gentler sex, but now there's a place with men in mind. Razor-sharp in gunmetal grays and red velvet, Barbershop Lounge takes men's grooming to a new level, offering black leather club chairs, plasma TVs, Wi-Fi access, a pool table and a beverage bar, along with the services of seasoned barbers and stylists, of course. Whether guys go old-school with a shoeshine, hot shave and a trim, or pull out all the stops with a facial, color, massage and wax, every client receives VIP treatment, at prices that won't break the bank. Closed M. 245 Newbury St., 617.450.0021. —S.G.