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Moscow's Restaurants Debut New Summer Menus

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Numerous other Moscow restaurants are updating their menus for warmer weather with lighter offerings for their outdoor spaces.

Here are few highlights:

Italian restaurant **Villa Pasta**, which features a summer terrace opening onto the pedestrian part of Pyatnitskaya Street, has updated its menu to highlight spring and summer produce. The restaurant has two new salad offerings — one with strawberries, arugula and mozzarella and another, a variant on the Italian bread salad panzanella with pink tomatoes and eggplant. For dessert, try cold strawberry soup with vanilla ice cream.

Villa Pasta, 26 Pyatnitskaya Street. 495-953-1660. Metro Tretyakovskaya. villa-pasta.ru

The Projector restaurant and bar is updating its drink menu with more than just the traditional summer lemonades. Its menu features seven new cocktails — four with alcohol

and three without. The "Yellow Sour" features sea buckthorn, lemon and vanilla with whiskey while the "Bellevue" adds raspberry liqueur to gin, mint and soda. The non-alcoholic "Passion" cocktail is a combination of hibiscus tea, nonfat kefir and passion fruit puree.

Projector. 2/5/4/ Slavyanskaya Ploshchad, bldg. 3. 495-788-0606. Metro Kitai-Gorod. projektor-rest.ru

Fish restaurant **Rybny Bazar** is adding some spring and summer flavors to its menu, with a summer salad of crab, asparagus and strawberries and an appetizer of tuna and salmon with orange pulp. Octopus carpaccio with spices and a seafood salad with pear and avocado are a couple of other interesting offerings.

Rybny Bazar. 10/2 Trekhprudny Pereulok. 495-650-5444. Metro Pushkinskaya. rbazar.ru

And, if you're looking for someplace to take the kids, the **Lepyoshka** chain of cafes launched a new menu on May 1 featuring dishes inspired by Moroccan and Turkish cuisine. New offerings include meat and seafood from the grill and a crispy version of its signature lepyoshka bread along with a whole set of spring and summer cocktails for just 95 rubles.

Lepyoshka. 29 1st Tverskaya-Yamskaya Street. 495-665-0886. Metro Belorusskaya. l*epeshka-cafe.ru*

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