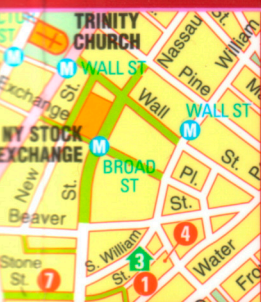




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At lunch and dinner, Midtown business types like to loosen their ties and shake things up a bit at Pera. This self-proclaimed "Mediterranean brasserie," named for an elegant neighborhood in Istanbul, brings a new dimension to eating in staid Midtown.

Like the owners, the cuisine here is primarily Turkish: meze of homemade grape leaves, beef and bulgur tartare, or smoked eggplant dip served with crispy lavash; mains like the signature spiced ground lamb Adana cooked on an open-flame grill.

Wood, marble and stone dominate the attractive interior, where an open kitchen and a hand-crafted communal table encourage a convivial spirit. Off the entrance, the zebra wood bar is a great place to grab a drink while you're waiting for friends to arrive.