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Midtown East

Pera Mediterranean Brasserie

The open kitchen is the focal point at this Turkish and Greek spot, which is as well suited for a power lunch as it is for a midshopping snack. Pera's stock-in-trade is fire and spice, and men in chef's whites hover over open flames firing up treats such as the "mini shish trio"—grilled lamb, beef sausage and *harissa*-rubbed shrimp skewers. On the lighter side, spongy, tiny, stone-oven-baked pizzas (called *pidettes*) are only \$3, and the meze platters offer a variety of refreshing salads and dips, like a stellar roasted eggplant puree. Greek and Israeli wines are a welcome touch, as is a dessert of shredded phyllo dough, soft cheese, simple syrup and *kaymak* (water-buffalo cream). 303 Madison Ave between 41st and 42nd Sts (212-878-6301). Subway: 42nd St S, 4, 5, 6, 7 to 42nd St-Grand Central. Mon-Fri 11:30am-10:30pm; Sat 5:30-10:30pm. Average main course: \$21.