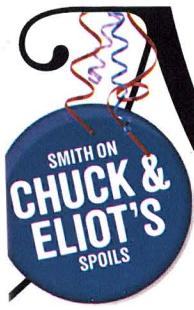


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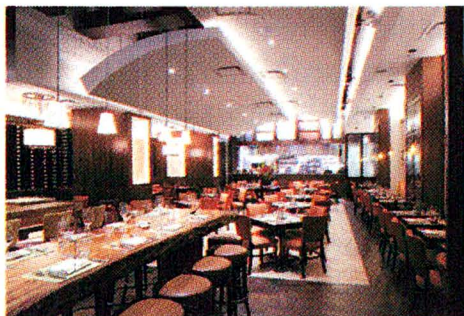


FOOD/OPENINGS

Pera Mediterranean Brasserie

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In its heyday, during the Ottoman period, there was no cuisine as sophisticated as Turkish. Sultan Süleyman the Magnificent lived up to his moniker, employing over a thousand cooks to make the kebabs at his posh Topkapi Palace. Pera, a nicely appointed Turkish-leaning restaurant opening later this week, doesn't have that many on its payroll, but it does seem to be making an effort to bring back a little Topkapi Palace panache. On the menu: a chickpea-crust crab cake, a hand-minced beef-and-bulgur tartare, and what must be New York's first Turkish grilled-meat tasting menu.



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