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Pizza East, E1

CANTEEN
55 BAKER STREET, W1U 8EW (TEL: 0845 686 1122; CANTEEN.CO.UK)
We love these all-day restos serving really good British food in a relaxed and dressed-down sort of atmosphere. The retro look belies cooking that's really first-class: a perfect English breakfast, pies with daily changing filling, succulent roasts, comforting puddings. With low prices and smiling service, there's nothing here not to like. (There are branches in Spitalfields, South Bank and Canary Wharf too.) £

DEAN STREET TOWNHOUSE DINING ROOM
69 DEAN STREET, W1D 4QJ (TEL: 020 7434 1775; DEANSTREETTOWNHOUSE.COM)
Walk in to Nick Jones's new Dean Street Townhouse Dining Room – open to one and all – and you know you're in the right place. Out has gone faux-rustic, funky-minimalist and contemporary-chic. In has come William Morris-style wallpaper, print-lined walls, a clubby bar and a fireplace. That's the thing with Nick Jones: he's always three steps ahead. Oh, and the food's not bad either: the flakiest onion tart, smoked haddock soufflé, mixed grill with bubble and squeak. All delicious. £££

FERNANDEZ & WELLS
43 LEXINGTON STREET, W1F 9AL (TEL: 020 7734 1546; FERNANDEZANDWELLS.COM)
We're crazy for this Soho wine bar, which feels like a European market stall in an English setting. It does scrumptious bocadillos of Montgomery's cheddar and cured ham, platters of grilled chorizo, plates of roasted sweet red peppers, and much else besides. Around the corner, at 73 Beak Street, its sister shop does some of the best coffee and hot chocolate going, accompanied by those irresistible Portuguese custard tarts. £

BISTROT BRUNO LOUBET
THE ZETTER, ST JOHN'S SQUARE, 86-88 CLERKENWELL ROAD, EC1M 5RJ (TEL: 020 7324 4455; BISTROTBRUNOLOUBET.COM)
Bruno's back. Bruno Loubet, whose Bistrot Bruno and ground-breaking L'Odéon did so much for the standard and style of London restaurants in the early Nineties, has returned after a decade in Australia. His new restaurant at the Zetter, the hip Clerkenwell hotel, is light and airy with an open kitchen where you can see Loubet doing the hard graft. Expect bold cooking, reasonable prices and relaxed, unpushy service. 'The veal shoulder comes with an army of vegetables,' a waiter told us when we asked if we needed side dishes. ££

BROMPTON QUARTER BRASSERIE
225-225 BROMPTON ROAD, SW3 2EJ (TEL: 020 7225 2107; BQBRASSERIE.COM)
This tremendously cool new brasserie is a really welcome addition to the Knightsbridge scene, which sometimes feels stagnant. First up, it looks great: a long, white bar running the length of the bright ground-floor room, with a cosy lounge below. It does very good hamburgers as well as a raft of other things throughout the day. BQB has also become a well-known party venue – the Moulin Rouge Extravaganza NYE bash was held here. £

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Hunter 486 is one of Madonna's locals

HUNTER 486
50 GREAT CUMBERLAND PLACE, W1H 7FD (TEL: 020 7724 0486; HUNTER486.COM)
Super-fun restaurant and lively bar in the former restaurant desert between Baker Street and Edgware Road. Located in the new Arch hotel – which is very swish and sexy – this is the place for a very good burger or steak tartare and chips, as well as pizzas from the (highly visible) wood oven. The name is not a reference to Madonna, who lives in the area, but recalls the old Marylebone telephone exchange, Hunter, and its numerical equivalent. ££

JOE ALLEN
13 EXETER STREET, WC2E 7DT (TEL: 020 7836 0651; JOEALLEN.CO.UK)
The 30-year-old younger sibling of established eateries in Paris and New York, Joe's used to mean fiery bullshots at the bar, red-checked tablecloths and the best Caesar salad this side of the pond – actually, in those days, the only Caesar salad this side of the pond. While menus are no longer written on a blackboard and the checked tablecloths have long gone, Joe's is still the definitive theatreland restaurant. It has atmosphere in spades along with terrific food – and very late last orders. ££

STOP PRESS: Discover lobster BLTs and flash-fried Oreo cookies at Coquine, the just-about-to-launch