

# The Museum of Modern Art

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## NEW RESTAURANT OPENS AT THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

This month, an elegant new restaurant featuring Italian cuisine opens its doors at The Museum of Modern Art. Operated by the owners of Sette Mezzo and Vico, on Manhattan's Upper East Side, **Sette MoMA** is open to Museum members and visitors during public hours, and to the general public every evening except Wednesday, from an entrance at 12 West 54 Street. The new management now also operates the Museum's **Garden Café**, which is currently open.

Some of the specialties of **Sette MoMA**, located on the Museum's second floor, are *panzotti*, pasta filled with goat cheese, eggplant, and ricotta, served with a fresh tomato sauce with thyme; *vitello Milanese a la Vico*, a veal chop breaded with *grissini*, pan-fried, and served with arugula and tomato salad; and *dentice al'acqua pazza*, a fillet of red snapper roasted with tomatoes, olives, white wine, aromatic herbs, and lemon. The restaurant also offers a variety of daily specials and special pre- and post-theater menus.

In addition to the regular wine list, which includes wines from throughout Italy, **Sette MoMA** features a special red wine every week. Two red and two white wines are offered by the glass, as are after-dinner drinks including grappa, a variety of dessert wines, port, and Armagnac.

Overlooking the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden, the restaurant interior has been redesigned by Pietro Cicognani of Cicognani Kalla Architects to offer an open and gracious atmosphere. Wood paneling, recessed lighting, and terracotta-colored, faux marbled columns combine with the room's original glass wall and terrace, which has been outfitted for outdoor dining. A zinc cocktail bar, at which patrons may also order light meals, has been

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added under the skylights along the restaurant's east wall. Roy Lichtenstein's *Entablature* (1976) and other works of art from the Museum's collection adorn the walls.

**Sette MoMA** is open every day, except Wednesday, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. and from 5:00 to 11:30 p.m.; pre-theater hours are from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and post-theater, from 10:00 to 11:30 p.m. Patrons may enter the restaurant through the Museum during public hours and, after 5:00 p.m., at 12 West 54 Street. This new entrance, a gate through the Sculpture Garden wall, was designed by Philip Johnson in collaboration with Richard Jansen.

Reservations, which are required at **Sette MoMA**, may be secured by calling 212/708-9710. Museum members receive priority on reservations made up to twenty-four hours in advance. The restaurant accepts major credit cards.

**The Garden Café**, located on the Museum's ground floor overlooking the Sculpture Garden, now features a variety of light meals in a casual setting. Some of the items offered daily are mozzarella and ham sandwiches, grilled vegetables, and marinated seafood salad, as well as hamburgers, muffins, and yogurt. **The Garden Café** is open during Museum hours, and offers live jazz on Friday evenings, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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*Please note:* Beginning September 10, The Museum of Modern Art is expanding its evening hours, opening on Friday as well as Thursday from 12:00 noon until 8:30 p.m. Both **Sette MoMA** and **The Garden Café** remain open to the public on these evenings, with live jazz featured in the Café on Fridays. Otherwise the Museum's hours remain unchanged: Saturday to Tuesday, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., closed Wednesday.

For reservations at **Sette MoMA**, call 212/708-9710.

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212/708-9750.