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Young artists and designers helped revive **GALATA**, a neglected corner of the Beyoğlu district, infusing its newest crop of wine bars, cafés and shops with a bohemian vibe. — Robyn Eckhardt

1 Açık Mutfak The Turkish comfort food at this cozy, six-table restaurant is worth the uphill climb from the historic watchtower. Proprietor Esra Sener's menu draws on her grandmother's recipes. **Must try:** Crispy carrot-and-cheese börek (a baked, filled pastry). *Timarci Sokak No. 6B; 011-90-212-293-7433.*

2 Sir Ceramic artist Sadullah Çekmece's showroom sells gorgeous tiles, tableware and glass pendulums incorporating traditional Turkish motifs. **Must buy:** "Red Deep" hand-painted plate. *Serdar-İ Ekrem Sokak No. 38/1; 011-90-212-293-3661; sircini.com.*

3 Lunapark This new design store specializes in housewares like wineglasses that play off the tulip shape of traditional Turkish tea glasses. **Must buy:** Metal filigree lanterns that flatten for easy packing. *Serdar-İ Ekrem Caddesi No. 17/B; 011-90-212-245-9414; lunapark.com*

4 Lilipud Boutique Film director Nilüfer Giritlioglu sells stylish organic silk and wool clothes at this new shop. Jeweler Janset Bilgin recently opened in the space below. **Must buy:** Silk dresses. *Serdar-İ Ekrem Caddesi No. 26A; 011-90-212-252-7173; lilipud.blogspot.com.*



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5 Kiva Han Chef Adnan Sahin travels around Turkey researching forgotten recipes. At his Tuesday-only chef's table, he pairs them with Turkish wines. **Must try:** Rice-and-lamb balls with the. *Galata Kulesi Meydani No. 4; 011-90-212-292-0037; galatakiuahan.com (iPad cannot link to this site).*

6 Mavra Ceramicist and furniture designer Yonca Akçay Yucel's café is the local artists' hangout and showroom, selling both mod block-print bags and espresso. **Must try:** Yucel's homemade köfte (lamb-and-bulgur kebabs). *Serdar-İ Ekrem Caddesi 31/A; 011-90-212-252-7488.*

7 Sensus This local-minded wine bar and retail shop is in the stone-walled cellar of the Anemon Hotel. A free snack comes with each glass. **Must try:** Turkish Thracian cheese plate with the 2008 Camlibag Karalahana. *Büyükhendek Caddesi No. 5; 011-90-212-245-5657; sensuswine.com.*



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