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Gasthaus zur Oper, Vienna

The Plachutta restaurant chain has become something of a byword for superior Austrian cuisine. The latest restaurant to join the fold, Gasthaus zur Oper, mixes Viennese tradition and modern design. It opened in September inside a historical vaulted beisl house – the most traditional a restaurant can get. Yet, inside, there's not a trace of Tyrol green, tapestries or dark wooden panelling: fresh and crisp, the interiors, revamped by Viennese-based architecture firm Atelier Heiss, boast a palette of off-white and soft olive green, clean lines and arches. A combination of adjustable lamp shades, neo-Scandinavian furniture and bleached maple tables add to the space's open, timeless feel, which only enhances the experience of sampling the city's best Wiener schnitzel. **Marie Le Fort** Walfischgasse 5-7, Vienna, tel: 43.51 222 51, www.plachutta.at