

"Pita" Jungle Love

The atmosphere is light, calm and peaceful. The smell of freshness and soothing music describes the healthy, vegetarian restaurant Pita Jungle.

"We think we're unique. You can't find all these items at the same place," said Bassel Osmani, one of the three owners of Pita Jungle.

Pita Jungle is not just any restaurant, it's unique and delivers quality entrees with a low price. Pita Jungle is located at 1250 East Apache Road in Tempe, on the corner of Apache and Dorsey.

This journey into healthy food with a great taste began with three graduates of ASU, two engineers and a communication major. Osmani, Nellie Kohsok, and Fouad Khodr had worked in other restaurants throughout

college and sensed a need for healthy vegetarian dishes.

Pita Jungle supplies a wide range of customers. Approximately, thirty five percent are college students. This restaurant also attracts business people for lunch and the coffee house clientele.

Not only does Pita Jungle serve lunch and dinner, but breakfast, also. In two weeks their hours will be extended from 9am-10pm to 7am-10pm to accommodate a bigger and extended breakfast crowd.

The breakfast menu contains: crepes, eggs, pockets, fruit, bagels, yogurt and cereal.

The lunch and dinner menus contain a wide range of entrees including: hot pitas, pita wraps, pita pizza, health burgers, salads and side orders such as green



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This special represents the season and freshest vegetables available. The prices are reasonable for a sit down meal. All of the entrees are priced between \$4 and \$5. The highest ranging to \$6.95.

Pita Jungle is small with a feeling of

beans, mixed beans and brown rice.

All the foods are made from scratch, with no preservatives and only the freshest fruit.

"The best quality about Pita Jungle is we are honest. Your getting what the menu describes, fresh, hardy, healthy and quality food," said Osmani.

Pita Jungle offers a delivery service with a minimum purchase of \$7.

Everyday there is a special which includes one entree and a selected soup for a great price.

comfort. There are about nine workers and the three owners with a total of 12 friendly faces.

The decor is composed of abstract art which covers every wall. The interior colors are primarily green and brown which creates a warm, cozy atmosphere for dining.

"Our customers are attracted to us because were inexpensive, fresh and hip. We try to pay attention to detail and apply the best to the situation," said Osmani.