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Steve Maravegias, Co-owner, The Metro Restaurant and The Metro Deli



To longtime Scarsdale residents, it may seem as though Metro Restaurant has become an overnight village institution. Yet when Steve Maravegias, 37, and partner Gus Catechis opened for business in 2000, the future didn't look so rosy. "The first year was rough," says Maravegias, who lives in Eastchester with his wife and two kids, "but the town eventually opened its arms and accepted us. The Metro is their baby." The continental-cuisine eatery's positive atmosphere is also a magnet. "We wanted a place where customers could say they appreciated our cleanliness, reliability, great food, consistency, and nice employees." In fact, the restaurant's popularity convinced Maravegias, Catechis, and Gregory Kassimis to expand by opening The Metro Deli, which debuted on Palmer Avenue nine months ago. "After we decided to open up the deli," says Maravegias, who has a marketing degree from Iona, "we put up signs that said 'Metro Deli Coming Soon.' People starting calling within a half hour to say, 'That's great! We can't wait!'" And who knows—more Metros may be on the way: "We've had customers from Armonk, Harrison, Larchmont, and Mamaroneck ask us to open a place in their towns." 