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What do you think of this then? Out for the night with a few people, needing to get a quick bite but not wanting all the palaver of being seated, fussing waiters and all that tedious splitting the bill at the end? Only option is McDonalds or your local friendly fast food outlet then, right?

Not any more. Went to this great new place called Vapiano's last week - a 'breakthrough European dining concept', said the press release. That's a restaurant to you and I - but one with a twist.

It's a lovely bright space, with 'food stations' running around the edge of the room. You go in, are given a swipe card - then simply head off around the room to choose your orders from the Italian menu of antipasti, pizza, pasta, salad, dessert and drinks. Everything you order is added to your card - so it's easy to pay at the end.

High quality ingredients are key to pulling off the tasty dishes - pasta is made fresh on the premises every day, the restaurant has its own extensive herb garden - and its own olive tree! Prices range from £5.50 to £8.50 for pasta and pizza, salads start from £3.50 and desserts average £3.60. Good news for all us credit crunchers.

Here's even more of the twist though. This Italian number comes direct from Germany - the concept launched in Hamburg six years ago and there are now branches all over the country. There are currently 50 other outlets in development across the world.

Vapiano's, 19-21 Great Portland St, www.vapiano.co.uk