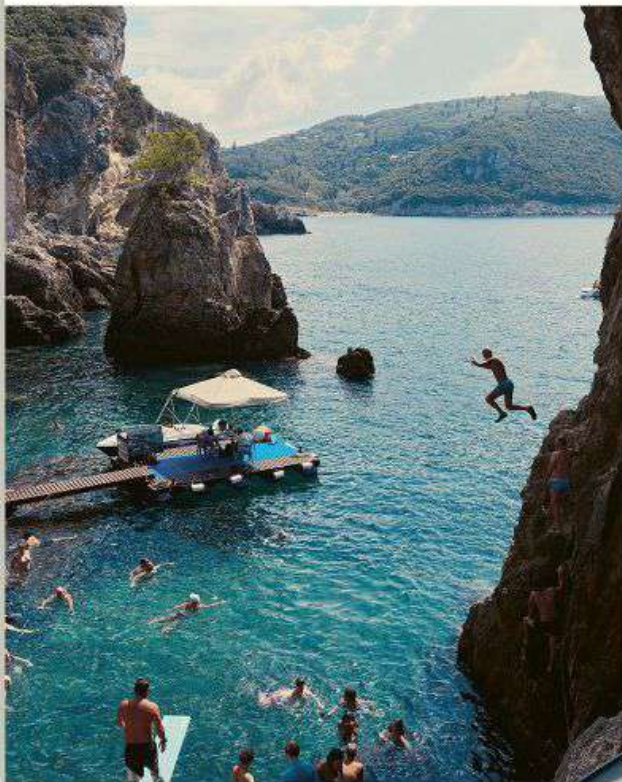


# Greece

The MONOCLE Handbook



Fashion, food and design:  
a guide to unique spots.

RESTAURANT  
**DISKO ROMEIKO**  
 Litochoro, Central Macedonia



Owners *Martina Daskalaki (pictured)* and *Nikos Evgenis* turned this old sawmill near Mount Olympus into a place patrons can fill up ahead of their climb to the abode of the gods, or simply linger. "We have *mezedes*, but customers come for coffee in the morning and can have cocktails in the evening. People just enjoy hanging out here," says Daskalaki. The name describes some of the attributes of this modern *kafeneio*: the music ranges from disco to Balearic and some of the wines on its list are made from Cretan romeiko grapes. The owners' personal items – from portraits drawn by a client, to a Berlin coffee poster – give this spot an idiosyncratic style. *Faraggi Enipea, Litochoro*

RESTAURANT  
**RIZES**  
 Mykonos



With profound love and respect for their *rizes* (roots), the Zouganeli family brought a Mykonian village back to life with this rustic but chic restaurant. The kitchen uses fresh, seasonal ingredients for hearty stews and fragrant herb-infused pies. Cheese and wine are also produced on site following time-honoured techniques. The Zouganelis also offer cooking workshops, and can organise leisurely picnics accompanied by horses carrying basketfuls of favourites from *souvlaki* to fresh salad from the garden. Five cosy bedrooms are also available for those wanting to bed down for a night away from busy Mykonos town. [rizesmykonos.com](http://rizesmykonos.com)



FURNITURE  
**ZAIRA COLLECTION**  
 Chania, Crete

For those relocating to Crete or decking out their holiday residence, the first port of call should be Zaira, a knowledgeable purveyor of high-end furniture and accessories near the Venetian old town of Chania. Run by Evaggelia Liokoura and her daughter Zaira, the business is also a manufacturer, with a family-owned factory in Indonesia, where it makes elegant pieces from teak, suar wood and rattan. Zaira often works with international designers on bespoke furniture collections, and has delivered projects all over the world. "A big part of our clientele consists of people who have their summer homes here in Crete," says Evaggelia. [zairacollection.gr](http://zairacollection.gr)



FURNITURE  
**2ND FLOOR**  
 Thessaloniki



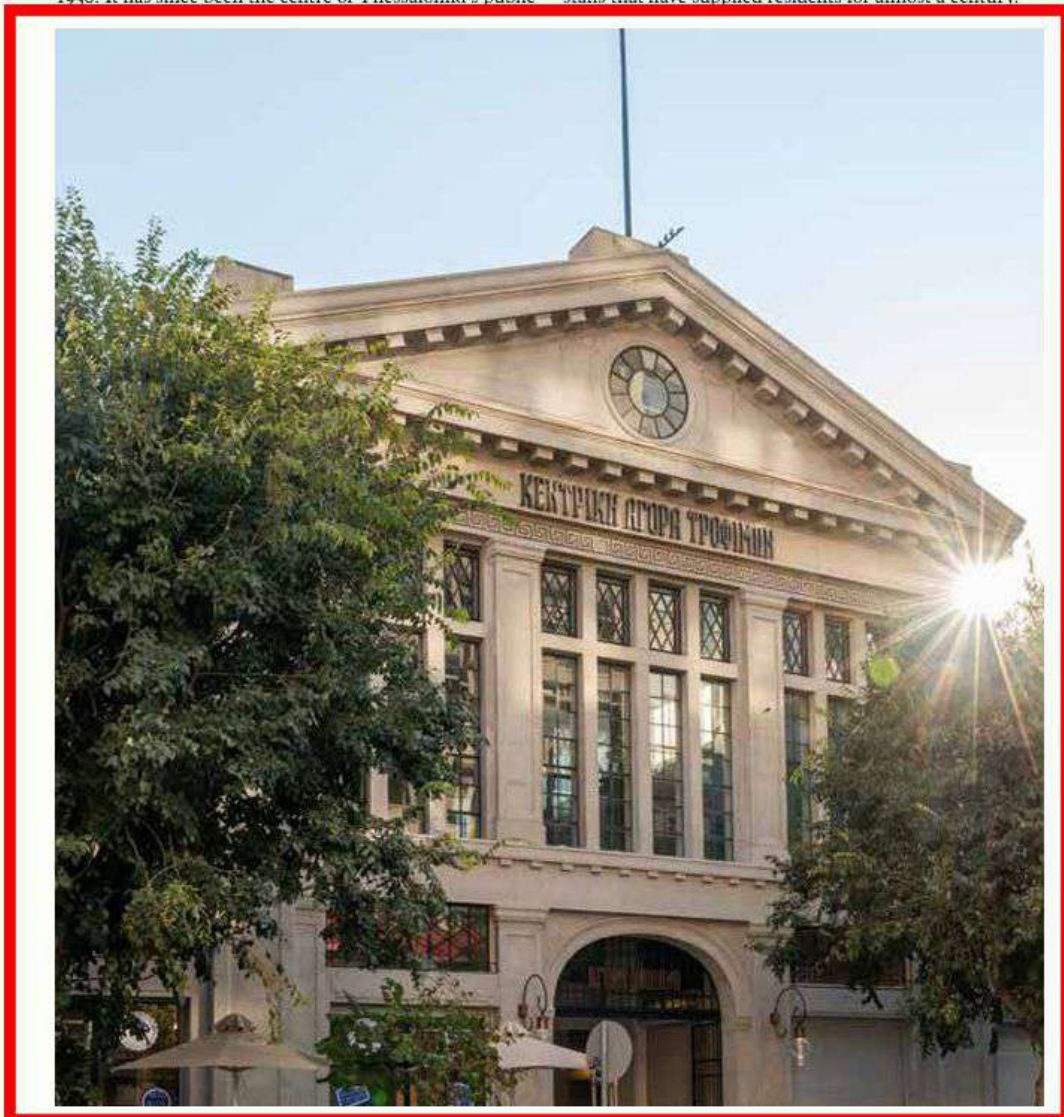
Owner Tolis Koumparos named his business after the second floor of an industrial building where he got started in 2007. Since then, his enterprise has grown to include a bricks-and-mortar shop, showroom and a design hotel named The Trilogy House, with another one now in the works. "We mainly represent international brands for the Greek market," says Koumparos, a Thessaloniki native. "Our portfolio includes Tom Dixon, Gebrüder Thonet, Vitra, Hay, Fritz Hansen, Ferm Living, Alessi and others." What's more, 2nd Floor also provides interior design services and collaborates with architects on domestic and commercial spaces. [2ndfloor.gr](http://2ndfloor.gr)

ARCHITECTURE

MARKET  
**AGORA MODIANO**  
Thessaloniki

The Great Fire of Thessaloniki in 1917 destroyed two-thirds of the city, including its main market: the Agora Modiano. Originally built on the site of a former synagogue for the city's once-large Jewish community, the market building was reconstructed and completed in 1930. It has since been the centre of Thessaloniki's public

life and reputation as a gastronomic destination. With its neat columns, arches and pediments, the facade echoes the architecture of Greek antiquity. A recent renovation maintained the building's character, with street food carts and delis now sitting next to traditional produce stalls that have supplied residents for almost a century.



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