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THE PLACES TO EAT...

THE BEST POSSIBLE TASTE

From slap-up gastro fare to grazing – there's something for everyone this month Words Jacky Parker

PORTAL RESTAURANT AND BAR

88 St John Street, EC1 (020 7253 6950,
portalrestaurant.co.uk)

In the heart of Clerkenwell is Portal, a new modern-European restaurant. The former paint shop has been brought to life by co-owner and architect Ken MacKay (designer of The Sanderson and St Martin's Lane). Delicate Moooi lampshades rub along seamlessly with the exposed brick walls and industrial chimneys, while the menu has strong Portuguese and French influences, with classics like roast suckling pig (for 12-14). There are also vegan and veggie dishes for the less carnivorous, and gluten-free for the food intolerant among us.

