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DINING OUT; Pan-Asian in Hampton Bays

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MATSULIN quietly took root in Hampton Bays over the winter. This pan-Asian restaurant, whose name means pine woods, offers several cuisines: Chinese, Japanese, Malaysian, Thai and Vietnamese, bolstered by a few dishes from Singapore.

The staff is as diverse as the food. The owners are Malaysian, the sushi chef from Japan and other chefs from Hong Kong and Malaysia. The dining room crew was sweet and accommodating, even remembering second-timers by name and recalling their food preferences. On a blustery, early spring, mid-week meal, when the restaurant was nearly empty, service was exceptionally attentive and concerned. On a busy Saturday with tables filled with many large parties, some of the niceties fell by the wayside. That night the table was never wiped off between courses. But the kitchen was still speedy and the busy busgirl topped off water glasses every few minutes.

Matsulin is housed in a building that very obviously was once a branch bank. Diners enter the restaurant from the parking lot in the rear. Inside, they see an airy, almost stark room with green walls, bare tables and lots of blond wood. Darker wood square columns and beams outline a sushi bar.

"Entrees had the same HIGH SUCCESS rate as appetizers" "VERY GOOD" -Joanne Starkey, The New York Times

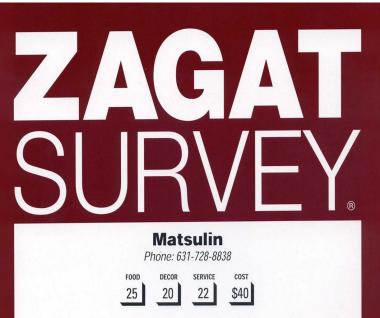
"Dishes as SOPHISTICATED yet SATISFYING as these are a hard act to follow" Joan Reminick, Newsday



Matsulin

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As you approach Matsulin, it seems you ar enter a bank. And once, that was true. Bu building has housed a restaurant serving a Asian cuisines. Stepping inside, you'll noti ambience, with Asian decor, lots of wood a Matsulin means "pine forest" in Japanese, the owners' family name, Lin. The menu r Malaysian, Thai, Chinese, Japanese and Vi cooking. Popular entrees include the Matsu whole crispy sea bass served in tangy sau Malaysian curry, chicken cooked in a thick broth for \$19. There is a changing list of s restaurant serves beer, wine and sake.



Admirers are "blown away" by the "diversity and high quality" of the food at this Pan-Asian in an "old bank" building in Hampton Bays; the "diverse menu" draws from Malaysian, Thai, Chinese and Japanese cuisines, persuading even skeptics who would normally "avoid" a restaurant offering this "fusion" of flavors that this "rare find" "pulls it off"; the "service is right on", too.

Wok & Grill

Appetizer

Crispy Basil Spring Roll (Vietnam) 素 Carrot, lettuce, fresh basil & vermicelli	5
Chicken / Beef Satay (Malaysia) Grilled marinated beef or chicken skewer w/ peanut sauce	9
Martini Shrimp (Thailand) 火 Fried sake marinated shrimp w/ spicy sauce	10
Nabon Gyoza (Japan) Pan fried pork filled dumpling w/ house garlic soy	7
Coconut Shrimp (Thailand) Fried coconut infused shrimp w/ penang sauce	10
Emerald Dumpling (Hong Kong) Shrimp, watercress dumpling served in broth w/ plum sauce	6
Crispy Calamari (Vietnam) Lightly battered and tossed w/ scallion, diced pepper & spiced salt	11
Agedashi Tofu (Japan) Soft tofu deep fried, served w/ bonito flake & daikon soy	5
Lettuce Wrap (Hong Kong) Minced pork, jicama, carrot, shitake mushroom & long beans served in cool lettuce cup w/ plum sauce	8
Crab Cake (Thailand) Crab meat, jicama w/ creamy dipping sauce	13
Fried Wonton (Hong Kong) Minced pork, shitake mushroom, carrot, chinese parsley w/ sweet & sour sauce	6
Roti Canai (Malaysia) 火 It's the all favored malaysian version of scallion pancake w/ curry chicken as dipping sauce	6
Edamame (Japan) 素 Steamed soybean. A very good source of protein	4
Saigon Roll (Vietnam) Crispy rice paper roll w/ minced pork, woodear mushroom, basil & fresh mint	6
Shrimp Tempura (Japan) Battered shrimp & vegetable in panko flour served w/ special radish soy sauce	10
Tofu Satay (Malaysia) 素 Fried cold tofu pocket, bean sprout, jicama & cucumber w/ peanut sauce	7
Dynamite (Japan) 火 Scallop, shitake mushroom & bonito baked in spicy cream sauce	14
Spicy Spinach (Japan) 火 素 Pan seared organic baby spinach w/ dried chili	8

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Salad

Warm Duck Spinach Salad (Thailand) Organic spinach, roast duck, mandarin orange, walnut & fried noodle in tangy dressing	9
Oriental Chicken Salad (Hong Kong) A selection of mixed green, pan seared marinated white meat chicken & crispy wonton strip tossed w/ our light ginger vinaigrette	8
Salmon Sashimi Salad (Japan) * Sliced salmon, cucumber, sweet onion & mint	12
Papaya Salad (Thailand) 火 Seared shrimp skewer w/ shredded green papaya in spicy chili, citrus vinaigrette	12
Roasted Salmon Skin Salad (Japan) Crispy salmon skin strip, spring mix, sweet onion & mint w/ sesame cilantro vinaigrette	8
Noodle Salad (Hong Kong) 素 Cold noodle, bean sprout, shredded carrot & cucumber in peanut sesame sauce	6
House Salad (Japan) 素 Romaine lettuce, cucumber, carrot, corn w/ ginger dressing	6
Soup	
Lemongrass Tom-Yum (Thailand) 火 Chicken or shrimp, mushroom, onion & pepper in spicy lemongrass broth	9/10
Seafood Seaweed (Japan) Shrimp, scallop, squid & seaweed in clear broth	9
Pork w/ Pickled Vegetable (Malaysia) Shredded pork, chinese pickled in clear broth	5
Miso (Japan) Tofu, seaweed, & scallion in miso broth	4
Spinach & Tofu (Hong Kong) Baby organic spinach & tofu in clear broth	5
Crabmeat Corn Soup (China) Crabmeat & sweet corn in thick broth	11
Saikung Seafood Soup (Hong Kong) Shrimp, scallop, kani & shitake mushroom	12

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Entrée

Matsulin's Crispy Fish (Malaysia) 骨 Fried whole sea bass, mango, pineapple, onion & pepper topped w/ penang sauce	32
Tuna Soba * (Japan) Seared tuna steak rare w/ black pepper served w/ cold soba noodle & green tea wasabi	28
Sambal Shrimp (Thailand) 火 Sautéed shrimp, asparagus & onion in dried baby shrimp and chili paste	30
Cantonese Scallop Or Shrimp (Hong Kong) Stir fried w/ garlic, chive & snow pea in chinese huadiao wine sauce	28
Walnut Shrimp (Hong Kong) Lightly fried jumbo shrimp, walnut & broccoli w/ cream sauce	28
Sizzling Salmon Or Steak (Japan) * Salmon steak or angus ribeye steak pan seared to perfection w/ homemade teriyaki or pepper sauce	27 / 33
Sarang Burung (Malaysia) Stir fried chicken, shrimp, cauliflower, mushroom, onion, pepper & cashew nut served in a intricate taro basket	28
Surf & Turf (Hong Kong) Fried jumbo shrimp and sliced beef filet served in two distinct sauces	32
Red Curry Chicken or Beef (Malaysia) 火 Sautéed chicken or beef, eggplant, okra w/ green curry sauce	23 / 26
Crispy Garlic Chicken (Hong Kong) 骨 Deep fried to a crispy golden brown texture w/ special soy and garlic	22
Kari Ayam (Malaysia) 火 Chicken, potato, onion in Vivian's curry sauce	23
Siam Chicken (Thailand) 火 Fried white meat chicken, mango, pineapple, onion & pepper w/ special tangy sauce	22
Ayam Mangga (Thailand) 火 Sliced white meat chicken, fresh mango, mint, onion, green & red pepper in southern thai sauce.	22
Peking Duck (China) All-time favorite. 1 st course – crispy skin & meat wrap w/ scallion & cucumber, 2 nd course – stir fried sliced duck meat w/ bean sprout, onion & scallion	59
Ginger Tea Duck (China) Duck marinated in ginger and oolong tea – fried till crispy brown, served w/ vegetable	24
King Rama Beef (Thailand) 火 Sautéed beef strip, basil, long bean in dry spicy sauce	23
Negimaki (Japan) * Thin sliced of fine beef wrap of scallion in teriyaki sauce	25
Saigon Pork Chop (Vietnam) 骨 Pan fried lemongrass marinated pork chop	19

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Vegetable 素

Matsu Gu (Japan) 素 Sautéed soy "ribs" w/ zucchini, onion, carrot, pepper, asparagus & pine seed in sake sauce	18
Spicy Long Bean (Singapore) 素 火 Stir-fried long bean in bean sauce and preserved vegetable	16
Shanghai Green (China) 素 Stir fried baby bok choy w/ shitake mushroom & tofu	16
Buddha's Delight (Malaysia) 素 An array of vegetable, black mushroom, vermicelli in nanru sauce w/ bean curd skin	16
Sizzling Tofu (Japan) *素 Lightly fried tofu dipped in egg batter served on a sizzling plate w/ vegetable	15
Kari Sayur (Malaysia) 素 火 Mixed vegetable & fried bean curd in green curry served in a clay pot	16
Noodle & Mee	
Pad Thai (Thailand) 火 Shrimp, chicken, rice noodle, onion, pepper, bean sprout, egg strip & chive	18
Mee Goreng (Singapore) 火 素 Stir fried egg noodle, bean curd, potato, cauliflower, bean sprout & scallion w/ spicy sauce, mamak style	14
Beef Chow-Fun (Hong Kong) Flat rice noodle w/ beef, onion, pepper & bean sprout	15
Tai-Pan Rice Noodle (Hong Kong) Stir fried rice noodle, jumbo shrimp, scallop, onion, pepper, chinese parsley & preserved mustard green	17
Shoyu Seafood Noodle (Hong Kong) Stir fried semi crisp noodle, jumbo shrimp, scallop, onion, pepper & bean sprout	18
Wat Tan Mee (Malaysia) * Semi-crisp egg noodle braised w/ chicken, pork, shitake mushroom, snow pea & baby bok choy	16
Fried Rice	
Phuket Fried Rice (Thailand) 火 Fried brown rice w/ chicken, shrimp, egg, onion, pepper, fresh pineapple cube & cashew nut	16
House Special Fried Rice (China) Fried jasmine rice w/ shrimp, bay scallop, chinese sausage, onion, pepper & taro	14
Fuji Fried Rice (Japan) Fried brown rice w/ diced roast pork, shrimp, onion & pepper topped w/ shredded seaweed	14
Nasi Goreng (Malaysia) 火 Fried coconut rice w/ ham, egg, onion & pepper	12

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Sushi Bar

Appetizer

Tako / Kani Sunomono * Octopus or crabmeat, cucumber w/ ponzu sauce	8
Sunomono * Assorted raw fish, cucumber w/ ponzu sauce	8
Tuna Tataki * Seared tuna w/ black pepper in ponzu sauce	15
Spicy Fish Bowl * Chopped assorted fish, cucumber over rice	8
Usuzuguri *火 Thinly sliced fluke w/ jalapeno & caviar in kaffir ponzu sauce	13
Kani Salad Crabmeat, julienne cucumber, tobiko w/ japanese mayonnaise	7
Seaweed Salad Good source of iodine	7
Tuna Tartar * Tuna cube w/ layer of avocado, crunch, scallion & caviar in special sauce	15
Sushi Entrée	
Roll Trilogy * A composition of california roll, tuna roll & salmon roll	17
Sushi Matsu * Chef's choice nine sushi & one tuna roll	28
Tricolor Sushi * Three tuna, three salmon, two yellowtail & one tuna roll	31
Sushi Ume * Chef's choice eight assorted sushi	26
Tricolor Sashimi * Three yellowtail, three tuna & four salmon	32
Sashimi Matsu * Chef's choice ten assorted pieces	29
Royal Platter * Chef's choice combination of assorted sushi, sashimi & one special roll	33
Chirashi * A combination of assorted sashimi on seasoned rice	22
Takka / Hamachi / Una Don * Tuna / yellowtail / toasted eel on seasoned rice	22
Chef's choice – no substitution please	

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A La Carte

Sushi *	
Tuna, white tuna, salmon, yellowtail, eel, octopus, clam, squid or salmon roe Spanish mackerel, fluke, shrimp or tamago	4 3
Sashimi * Tuna, white tuna, salmon, yellowtail, eel, octopus, clam, squid or salmon roe Spanish mackerel, fluke, shrimp or tamago	4 3
Roll / Handroll	
Avocado Roll	5
Cucumber Roll	3
Tuna Roll *	8
California Roll Kani (crabmeat), avocado & cucumber	6
Classic Roll * Tuna, avocado & cucumber	9
Unagi Roll Toasted eel & cucumber	9
Spicy Tuna / Salmon Roll *火 Chopped tuna / salmon w/ spicy sauce	8
Philly Roll Smoke salmon & cream cheese	8
Boston Roll Poached shrimp, avocado & cucumber	7
Alaskan Roll * Salmon, cucumber & avocado	8
Negihamachi Roll * Yellowtail & scallion	8
Salmon Skin Roll Toasted salmon skin, scallion w/ unagi sauce	7

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Special Roll

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Lunch Specials

Mon – Fri 12:00pm – 3:00pm, except holidays

Lunch Bento - Wok & Grill

Choose one (1) main course and two (2) sides

Main Course (pick one)

Pad Woon Sen (Thailand) Stir fried vermicelli, chicken, shitake mushroom, onion, pepper & egg

Kelabu Fish (Thailand) 火 Fried fish filet, onion, pepper & mango w/ tangy sauce

Basil Eggplant (Thailand) <u>火</u>素

Eggplant, minced pork, onion, scallion, pepper & chili

Chicken Teriyaki (Japan)

Pan fried marinated chicken, onion & mixed vegetable w/ teriyaki sauce

Jie Lan Ji / Niu (China) Sautéed white meat chicken or beef, broccoli & carrot in brown sauce

Roast Pork Mee (Malaysia) Egg noodle, roast pork, onion, pepper, bean sprout, garlic & scallion

Spicy Pineapple Fried Rice (Thailand) 火

Fried brown rice w/ chicken, egg, fresh pineapple cube & cashew nut

Sides (pick two)

Nabon Gyoza (Japan) Pan fried pork filled dumpling w/ house garlic soy

Crispy Spring Roll (Vietnam) 素

Carrot, lettuce, fresh basil & vermicelli

Pork or Shrimp Shumai (Hong Kong)

Steamed pork or shrimp dumpling

Fried Wonton (Hong Kong)

Minced pork, shitake mushroom, carrot, chinese parsley w/ sweet & sour sauce

Edamame (Japan) 素

Steamed soybeans in the pod & sprinkle w/ salt

House Salad (Japan)

Romaine lettuce, cucumber, carrot, corn w/ ginger dressing

Jasmine or Brown Rice (China)

Aromatic steamed jasmine or brown rice

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Lunch – Sushi Bar

Served w/ house salad or miso soup	
Sushi Roku* Chef's choice six pieces assorted sushi & one salmon roll	18
Sashimi Hachi*	18
Chef's choice eight pieces assorted sashimi Chirashi *	18
Assorted raw fish over seasoned rice	
Takka / Sake / Una Don * Tuna / salmon / toasted eel over seasoned rice	18
Sushi & Sashimi Combination * Chef's choice 3 pieces sushi, 3 pieces sashimi & california roll	18
Roll Special * Any combination of 2 rolls: avocado, tuna, salmon, yellowtail, eel, california, spicy tuna or salmon	13
Lunch Bento – Sushi	

Served w/ miso soup & house salad

Bento 1 Beef negimaki, shumai & california roll	18
Bento 2 * Salmon teriyaki, shumai & tuna roll	18
Bento 3 * Chef's choice 4 pieces sashimi, shumai & california roll	18
Sushi Bento A *火 2 pieces tuna, 2 pieces salmon & spicy salmon roll	18
Sushi Bento B *火 Spicy tuna roll, spicy salmon roll & california roll	18

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