

We suss out **PASARBELLA** — Singapore's first permanent "farmer's market" — ahead of its soft launch this Saturday.

Lelong, lelong!



④ Entrance #2 aka Southern Belle: Just beside Giant hypermarket.



④ Entrance #3 aka East End: Enter from the back carpark (which used to be the Turf City viewing gallery).



④ Entrance #1 aka Westpoint: The main entrance from the main carpark (where Oceanic of Seafood is).

After five months of renovations and much anticipation from foodies, Pasarbella, Singapore's virgin angmoh-style farmer's market, opens this weekend. Unlike small-scale weekend farmer's markets that have sprung up in recent years, it is a permanent fixture the size of a football field at Bukit Timah's lifestyle and dining enclave The Grandstand (formerly Turf City). Pasarbella is the brainchild of Clovis Lim, 24, and Vincent Howe, 36, co-founders of the Sugar Daddy Group (which owns the Antoinette and Pique Nique cafes). They've since sold their shares to embark on this \$5 million project. Aware that Singapore does not have farmers like those in Australia or the US to justify the term "farmer's market", Clovis responds thus to scoffing

detractors: "It's more our interpretation of what a farmer's market is. After visiting such markets overseas, I always dreamt of creating a similar concept here, where there is a sense of warmth through the interaction between stall vendors and customers."

Pasarbella is home to about 30 food and retail stalls, 80 per cent of which will be in operation this weekend. The space is rustic-chic and charming: think brick and corrugated iron walls decorated with hand painted murals and neon signboards bearing cheeky food-related messages. Seats are limited, but you can snack at several wine barrels doubling up as tables. Alternatively, head for the mezzanine level where there are some seats, or just chill out on the steps of The Grandstand overlooking the field. There are plans to bring in buskers and, er, mimes to liven things up. Here are nine stalls to zero in on this weekend.

Dutch Colony Coffee Co

④02-2211 1111, TEL: 6737-1588, www.facebook.com/dutchcolonycoffee

WHAT: The friendly, minimalist, hipster coffee shop serves up coffee, pastries, and more. It's a great place to grab a cup of coffee and a snack, or to sit and work. The shop is located in the heart of the city, near the old police station, and is a great place to grab a cup of coffee and a snack, or to sit and work. The shop is located in the heart of the city, near the old police station, and is a great place to grab a cup of coffee and a snack, or to sit and work.



EAT: The shop serves up a variety of coffee, pastries, and more. It's a great place to grab a cup of coffee and a snack, or to sit and work. The shop is located in the heart of the city, near the old police station, and is a great place to grab a cup of coffee and a snack, or to sit and work.



Huber's Deli

④02-K20 & 21, TEL: 6737-1588, www.facebook.com/hubersbutchery

WHAT: A cute European-style delicatessen and hotdog stand by the famous butchery and restaurant of the same name at Dempsey. Here, you can buy cold cuts like ham. But the draw is really the sizzling hot dog grill and quaint eight-seat area for patrons to dig into fresh dogs and Vietnamese banh mi-inspired samis.

EAT: The **Veal Sausage Hotdog** (about \$8) is super succulent and crunchy. Also yum: the **Spicy Italian** (about \$8) pork sausage cloaked in sauerkraut and bacon. Heck, have both.

The Great Beer Experiment

④02-2211 1111, TEL: 6737-1588, www.facebook.com/thegreatbeerexperiment

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