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Politics on Russian TV may cause problems, sitcoms make money

Moscow (MC) — Two years ago Russia had only one fully controlled state television channel. Now all national television channels are at least partially under state control. But this may be a temporary situation, if foreign investors decide to increase their stakes in the Russian television industry, which

coon, Vladimir Gusinsky (who lost the NTV television station a year ago to the government-controlled gas giant Gazprom) Berezovsky is no angel. Both used their media assets in the pre-Putin years to gain

TV6's executives asked rhetorically in a recent interview with Ogonyok weekly.

U.S. privately owned StoryFirst Communications Inc, which owns Russia's third largest commercial TV network, STS.

In 2001, the Modern Times Group purchased another commercial TV



By Elvira Tarasenko

"Chantile" — a bit of Paris in the heart of Moscow

Opened in mid January, 2001 this brand-new coffee shop on Bolshaya Gruzinskaya str. offers splendour reminiscent of a typical French bistro, probably something that many of us who ever happened to be in France really lack. The name of the coffee shop, according to the

setting for dining and spending time together.

Wicker furniture, elegant fabric on the walls and large windows, the predominance of the slightly beige range of colors — all these details contribute to the spectacular interior design.

Places like "Chantile" in Paris are predominantly coffee

shops. On the contrary, in Moscow in addition to coffee and pastries cafes usually serve snacks, lunches, and dinners.

"Chantile" follows the Moscow pattern and its a la carte menu offers a number of delicacies worth giving a try. The menu features a whole variety of them from "Grilled Tenderloin Steak" and "Fried Duck Breast with Berry Sauce" (to name just a few) to more marinary

tastes like "Oven-Baked Crabs" and "Lobster Stuffed with Sea Food and Mushrooms".

Each of the dishes delightfully highlights the flavour of ingredients. And, of course, seasonal delights will be served when their time is right.

The emphasis otherwise is on the home-like food. Variety of tarts and cakes, assorted pastry (including the specialty — mouthwatering "Truffle" cake), pirozhki, pancakes are prepared totally in-house thanks to the master skills of the pastry chef.

At "Chantile" you can try different sorts of coffee, of various kinds and aromas including Cappuccino ("German Chocolate", "Hazel Nut"), Latte, Frappe, Romano, piquant Milk Shakes ("Tropical Paradise", "Blue Sky", "Caribbean Sea").

Besides its a la carte menu

"Chantile" offers a set of special menus in accordance with special requests of customers (like breakfast menu, for example). Breakfast menu is acclaimed for its unique offer of true French style omelets like "Paris" with cheese and herbs, or special "Chantile" with tender semga.

Children's menu will be added to the existing ones in the near future.

Guests appreciate the café's relaxed, yet attentive and friendly service and ever smiling waiters. Open daily from 10.00 a.m. till 24.00 p.m. "Chantile" promises to be a popular lunch venue and in the evening it becomes packed with discerning lovers of fine food and home-like atmosphere.

Up to the moment the price-quality ratio is excellent according to customers. Tastes are traditional and the portions of a fair size. Foie

gras with warm apple sauce can be found on the menu list at the price of 350 rubles! This is something you can hardly expect in the centre of Moscow.

A carefully compiled collection of wines from France, Italy, Spain completes the gastronomic experience.

This café is an ideal place for festive occasions, as well. For example, on the upcoming St. Valentine's Day some treats of choice will be served and nice little gifts will be handed over to young couples.

"Chantile" strives to be an ideal place to take a break from the bustle of urban life and sit down to enjoy tasty dishes.

Without any doubt, this atmospheric coffee shop will soon deserve a solid reputation as a host of many successful events and memorable repas ranging from banquets to smaller informal get-togethers.

Bon appetite!



owners, is a mix of two French words — the verb "to sing" and the name of one popular French culinary sauce.

At the same time it is a youthful café housing up to 50 persons and it is reasonably priced for young urban dwellers and family couples alike.

Unique in its milieu, commanding a nice view of the Tishinskaya square, "Chantile" offers a unique

A fox pub in downtown

(MC) - The Fox Pub is a cozy, European cuisine restaurant styled after an Irish pub.

2 halls and a VIP room. A chogony. The walls are dra- green cloth. The pensive

your imagination as you can see it for yourself.

The Fox Pub is an up-to-the-mark place. Here you find both antique rarities and modern conveniences. The combination of all these things makes for a harmonious appearance.

Families who happened to dine here once write down the address of the place and then learn it by

recently reputed to be all the rage.

Despite an obvious carnivorous bent, vegetarians are not entirely overlooked. There are good picks for them as well.

A vast variety of desserts.

The extensive wine list features items from France and Chile.

A lot of draft beers, such as: Franziskaner, Warsteiner, Paulaner, Guinness and other no less renowned brands of the tipples that no

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