

GIOIA

CAFE & BAR

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Story

Atelier Cho Thompson created the identity concept and interior design/architecture for a new restaurant, Gioia, located in a historic brick building that was once home to a legendary Italian eatery.

Wooster Street in New Haven was home to the city's first Italian-American immigrants, and their colorful and vibrant history and traditions define the neighborhood to this day. The designers tasked themselves with paying homage to this history while also embracing a

new generation of younger folks and families settling in Wooster Square. Gioia joins a legacy of warm hospitality through its contemporary, lively atmosphere and visual identity, resulting in a project that is a bold, playful, and inventive addition to its community.



⤴ Above: A wrought-iron archway marks the entrance to Wooster Street.

⤵ Left: Tony and Lucille's Italian Restaurant on Wooster Street, an iconic eatery for over 50 years, and today, the location of Gioia Cafe & Bar.

Iconography

The logo plays off of the iconic archway at the entrance to Wooster Square, which also echoes the restaurant's windows and doors. It is minimal, friendly, and a touch feminine, in honor of the strong Italian women immigrants who built the neighborhood.



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An arched grid (underlaid in pink) unifies the wordmark and iconography into one cohesive visual system.







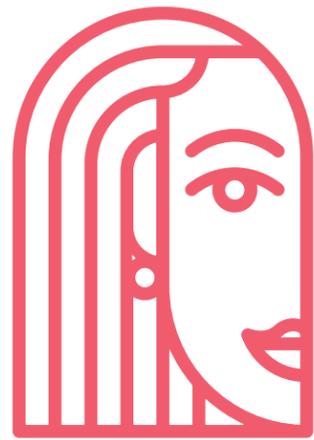


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ITALIAN
FOR JOY

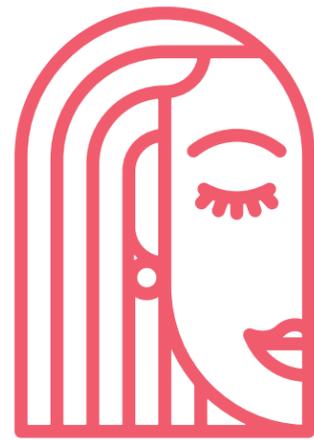
Icon Set

The full set of marks includes an icon for Gioia Market, an Italian market attached to the restaurant; Gioia Rooftop, the cocktail program on the roof deck; and the Gelato takeout window along the side of the building.

The visual system designed allows for variation in each subset of the brand while still maintaining a strong sense of consistency.



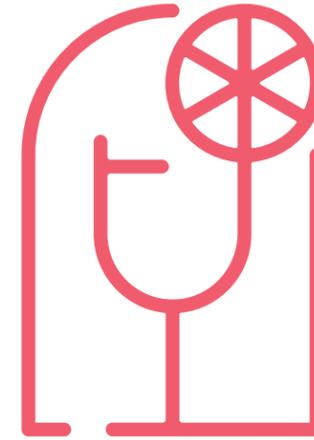
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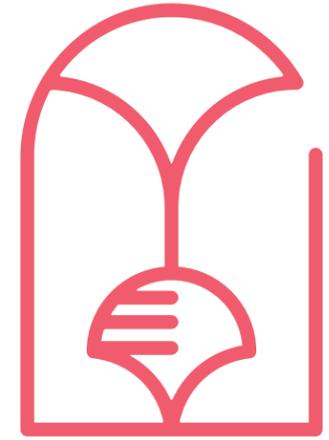
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Gelateria Icon



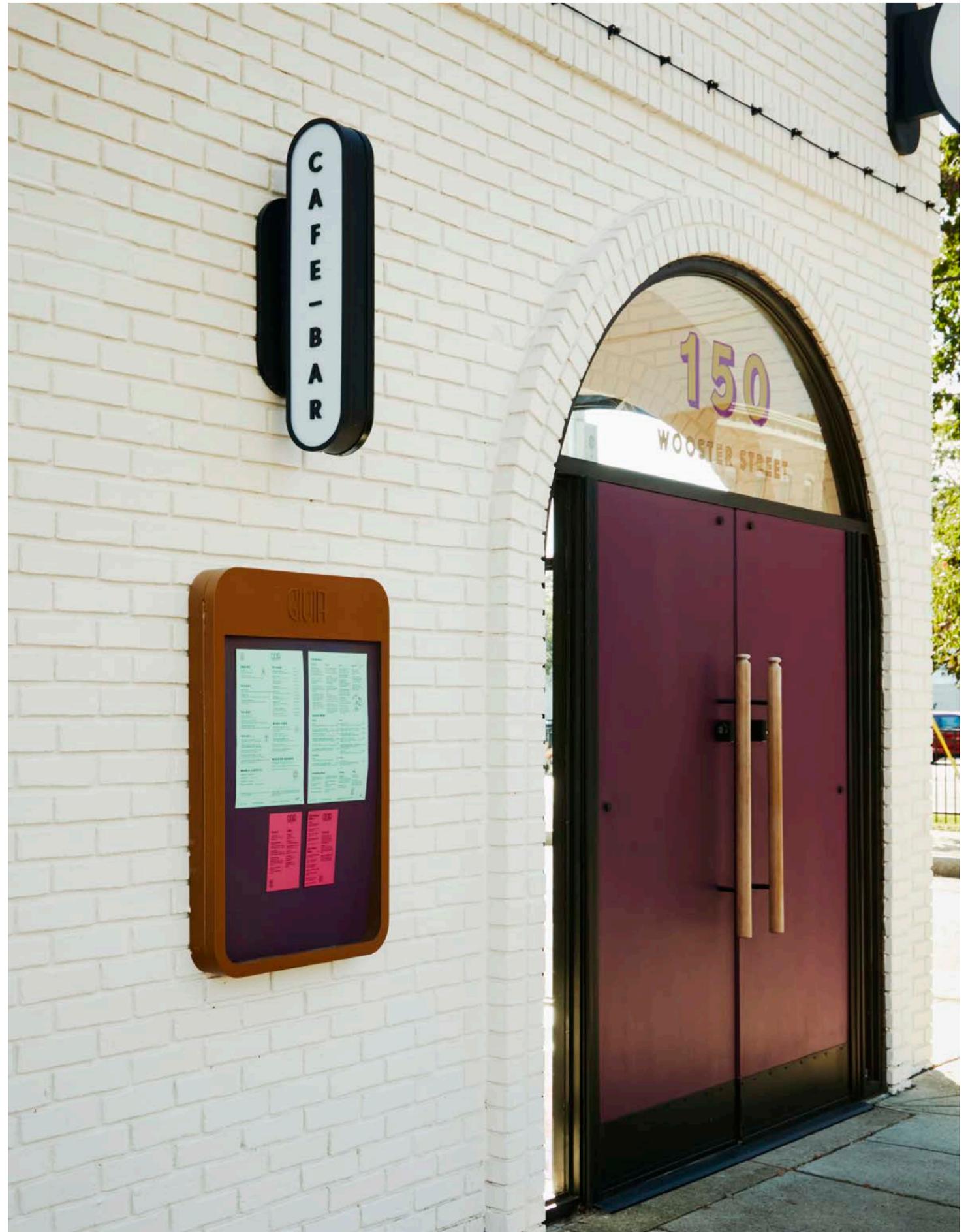
Rooftop Icon



Market Icon









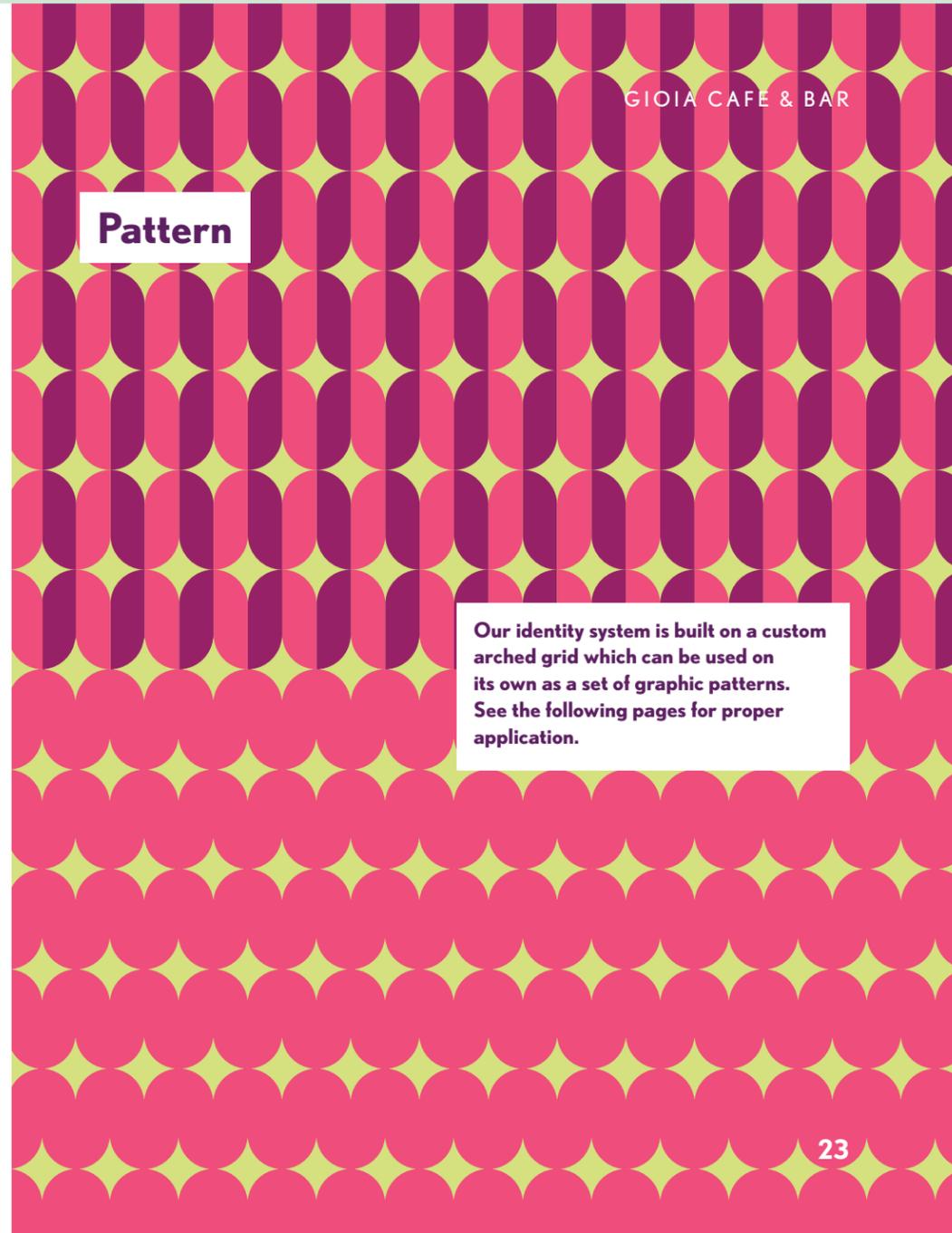
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Color Palette



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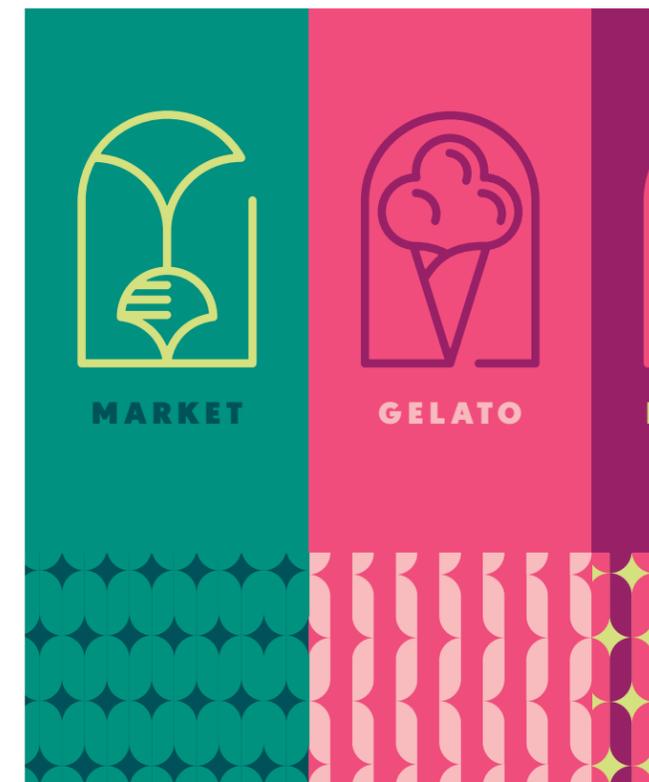
Our palette might not scream *Italian* but it does scream *We're having a good time*, and is that not the same thing.



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Color System



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Brand Guide

Selected spreads.

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✦ ANTIPASTI OUR PURPOSE

Taglines

These are our main taglines, as they encompass the heart of our identity—Gioia as the Italian word for joy, and celebrating our people and our neighborhood. It is important not to overuse these, as they will no longer hold meaning or delight.

Italian
for Joy.

Joy for
Italian.

PIZZ-AH.
Italian
for Pizza.

Joy
New
Haven

We can also riff on this system, and introduce spin-offs. Our pizza box, for example, says PIZZ-AH / JOY FOR ITALIAN / ITALIAN FOR PIZZA.





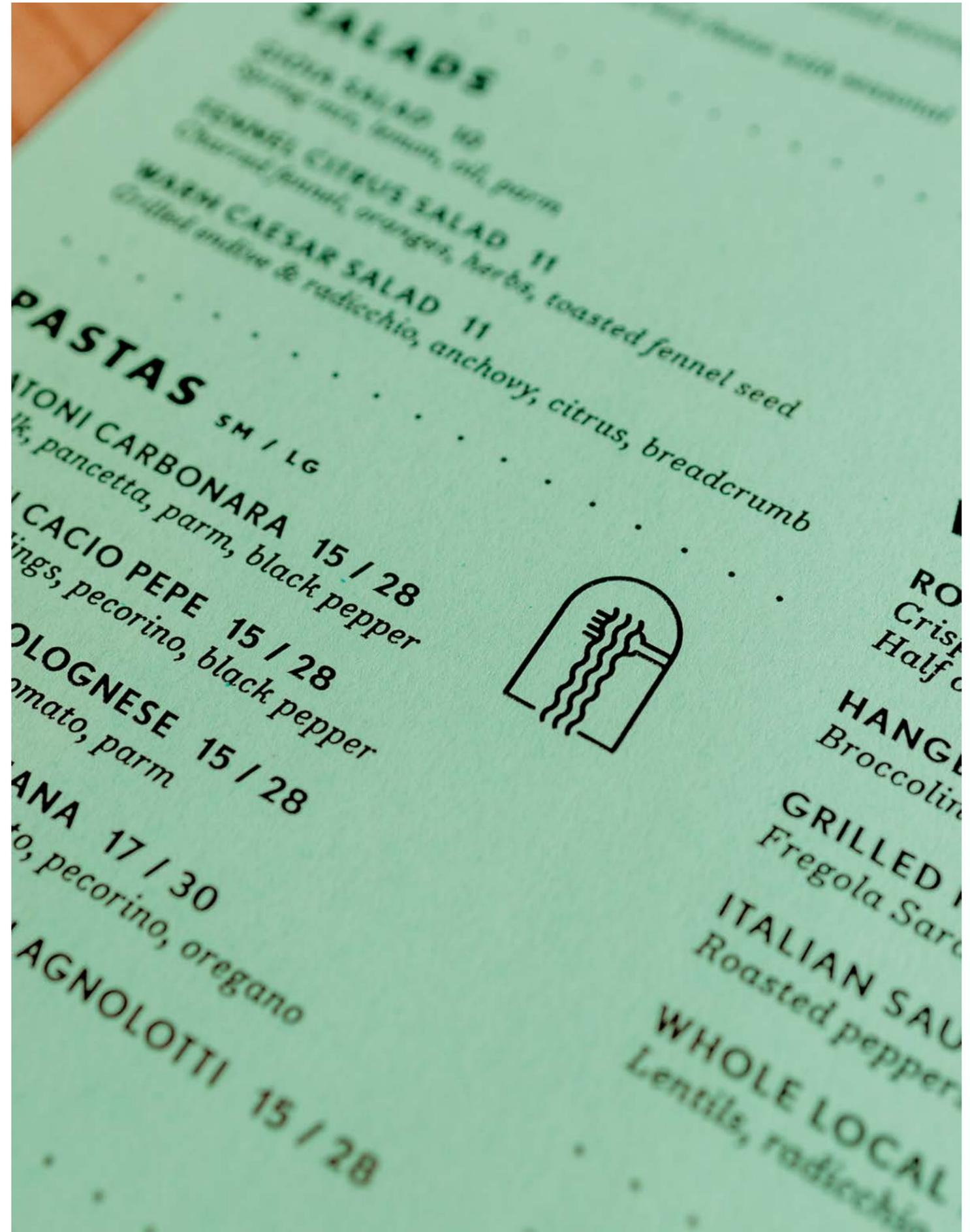
GELATO

Gloria

PICK UP

TAKEOUT

ITALIAN ICE CREAM
GELATO



JOY FOR
ITALIAN
FOR JOY