

**Speed of delivery:** 9kph**Average price:** \$\$\$**Score:** ★★★★★*Dhs65. KCal, JLT (04 447 3844), Tecom (04 450 3695) The Dubai Mall (04 422 7093, 04 423 2602) Business Bay (04 421 3848).***Little More**

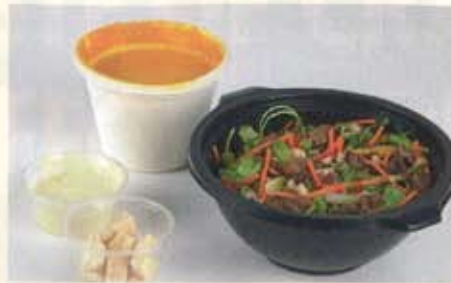
Little is not the word we'd use to describe its beef lasagne. Vast and comforting, the dish was like a warm culinary cuddle: the meat to cheese to pesto ratios were all spot on, and the lime and mint mocktail was zesty and sugary. We were told the delivery would take



more than an hour so cancelled our first attempt. However, second time around (earlier, at 11.30am) the food arrived in 15 minutes.

**Speed of delivery:** 14kph**Average price of a meal for two:** \$\$\$**Score:** ★★★★★*Dhs80. Dubai Marina Mall, (04 432 4608), Dubai Media City (04 420 0100).***Potato Hut**

We ordered a baked potato with 'chicken fajita' filling, which arrived with relative speed. Unfortunately, the meal itself was a little dry, possibly due to the advertised tomato not being included.

**Speed of delivery:** 10.4kph**Average price of a meal for two:** \$**Score:** ★★★★★*Dhs19. Dubai Marina (04 448 3377), Mercato Mall (04 342 2963), The Dubai Mall (no number), Dragon Mart (no number).***Richy's**

The wasabi VIP salad was a delicious and colourful mixture of sweet and tender beef chunks, cashew nuts, asparagus, mushrooms and bell peppers, with a creamy and peppery wasabi mayo dressing. We also tried the soup of the day, which was a thick, rich, nutty and sweet carrot soup.

**Speed of delivery:** 6.4kph.**Average price of a meal for two:** \$\$**Score:** ★★★★★*Dhs59. JLT (800 742 497).***Indian****800 Thali**

The signature Golden Thali arrived well packaged in an amusing box, branded with a colloquial life lesson which basically told us to calm down if it was late – which it was, taking more than an hour. Sadly the dishes were rather cold and bland on this occasion, though regular customers tell us it is usually delivered on time and extremely tasty.

**Speed of delivery:** 3.3kph**Average price of a meal for two:** \$**Score:** ★★★★★*Dhs22. JLT (800 84254).***Brick Lane**

The curries at this Barsha takeaway are from the British rather than Indian tradition.

Expect them to be very sloppy, brightly coloured and on the milder side of the chili spectrum – although a mind-blowing phall is available. Will delight British expats familiar with this style of cooking.

**Speed of delivery:** 1.9kph**Average price of a meal for two:** \$\$**Score:** ★★★★★*Dhs120. Al Barsha (04 399 6786).***Curry Box**

Served with a small starter and sweet, and accompanied by rice, tawa, roti and dal, the lunch combo presented great value, and we were impressed with the mutton achari we chose. The salty fresh lime juice, however, wasn't to our taste.

**Speed of delivery:** 8.8kph**Average price of a meal for two:** \$\$**Score:** ★★★★★*Dhs40. Discovery Gardens (04 434 3043), Business Bay (04 457 2288).***Flames**

While the food looked relatively appetising and arrived hot, we were disappointed with the size of the chicken shish kebab for the price. Turning up without any bread or pita (which is what we'd expect with a kebab), the food was tasty enough but slightly overcooked and dry. The tomato salad was also a disappointment and lacked any sophistication.

**Speed of delivery:** 5.4kph**Average price of a meal for two:** \$\$**Score:** ★★★★★*Dhs45. Jumeirah Lakes Towers (04 452 6664).*



# Dubai's ultimate takeaway guide

Get ready for summer with Dubai's definitive list of 116 home delivery options. Edited by *Penelope Walsh*

With summer heat now upon us, and Ramadan on its way, dinner at home has never been so appealing. But are you going to cook? With Dubai takeaways such as NKD sending out up to 150 delivery bikers across the city (each delivering an average of 2.5 orders per hour), we suspect the answer is no. Home-grown takeaway concepts are also on the rise, and expanding; this month Rosso Vivo opens a branch in Dubai Media City, Kcal opens three

new branches in July, while Best Burgers Forever opens a second venue in August in TECOM. This week, we've put together Dubai's biggest takeaway guide, with 116 venues listed by cuisine type, including the city's most popular takeaways, plus plenty of indie options, rating each on the speed of delivery (dividing the distance travelled by time taken to find the kph, in fairness to more removed outlets), value for money and food quality on arrival.

## Arabic

### Just Falafel



We ordered the Japanese meal, which came with a falafel wrap, fries and a soft drink. The wrap, which contained avocado, ginger and sesame, was fresh and flavoursome, although the fries were undercooked. We also ordered a lentil side salad, which was decent.

**Speed of delivery:** 8kph  
**Average price of a meal for two:** \$

**Score: ★★★★★**  
Dhs29. Al Barsha (04 395 1559), Deira City Centre (04 294 1190), Festival City (04 232 9992), Dubai Marina (04 452 9966), Mizhar (04 255 9099), Mankhool (04 379 9003), Business Bay (04 457 2198), Ibn Battuta Mall (04 451 7676), JLT (04 453 9175), Mall of the Emirates (04 409 9000), The Dubai Mall (04 325 3838).

### Man2ooshe



As it's pretty greasy, traditionally manakish doesn't travel very well. Fortunately, speedy delivery means we didn't have to worry about our akawi cheese seeping through the paper. It arrived warm, with the cheese perfectly stringy and salty, while the bread was not a bit soggy. The accompanying cheeki chicken wrap was also fresh, and the salad free of any wilting.

**Speed of delivery:** 9.65kph  
**Average price of a meal for two:** \$

**Score: ★★★★★**  
Dhs32. TECOM (04 457 9456), Al Barsha Mall (04 325 5543), Sheikh Zayed Road | (04 379 9945), Al Mizhar (04 283 9660).

### Zaatar W Zeit

We simply had to try the manakeesh topped with cheese and the seasoning for which the restaurant is named. We also opted for a side

\$ Less than Dhs50  
\$\$ Less than Dhs100  
\$\$\$ More than Dhs100



of fattoush salad and a warming spicy chicken 'speciality' wrap, all of which arrived in a fraction of the minimum 40-minute delivery time quoted, arriving 15 minutes after the order was placed.

**Speed of delivery:** 10.8kph  
**Average price of a meal for two:** \$\$

**Score: ★★★★★**  
Dhs65. Dubai Marina, Mall of the Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Road, Festival City, JBR, The Dubai Mall, The Meadows, Ibn Battuta Mall, Motor City (600 522 231).

## Burgers

### BurgerFuel

Our bio-fuel burger arrived fast and fresh, layered with beetroot, egg, and oozing with sauces, while the pumpkin motobites were a refreshing change to fries. High points for speed: despite quoting a delivery time of 45 minutes, our meal arrived in less than 25.

**Average price of a meal for two:** \$\$  
**Speed of delivery:** 8.5kph  
**Score: ★★★★★**

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Dhs64. JBR (04 445 8220), The Dubai Mall (04 325 3416), Mirdif City Centre (04 445 8220), Dubai World Trade Centre (04 331 8336), Mall of the Emirates (04 354 9691), Mohammed Bin Rashid Boulevard (04 438 5056), Al Barsha Mall (04 354 9314).

### Gourmet Burger Kitchen



The American classic burger was cooked medium as requested and the meat and bun were good quality and not too greasy. It was also generously proportioned. We were less taken with the disappointing skin-on fries.

**Speed of delivery:** 1.9kph  
**Average price:** \$\$  
**Score: ★★★★★**  
Dhs51. Dubai Marina Mall, Mirdif City Centre, DIFC (800 287437).

## Chinese and Pan Asian

### Homey Chinese Restaurant

We opted for the shrimp spring rolls, Yangzhou fried rice and a sweet and delicately spiced kung po chicken, none of which could have gone particularly wrong in transit



considering the short delivery journey from Cluster V JLT to Cluster Y. We were told our meal would arrive in 10-20 minutes and it arrived piping hot within 15.

**Speed of delivery:** 1.6kph  
**Average price of a meal for two:** \$\$  
**Score: ★★★★★**  
Dhs89. JLT (04 431 7106).

### Noodle House



The ordering process tested our patience: we had to answer a multitude of questions before getting to order, although the data-entry should mean more speed next time. The moreish pad Thai works better as an evening meal – the portions sizes are huge and sleep-inducing – while the prawn Hacao dumplings are pleasant, and large enough alone to satisfy you for lunch.

**Speed of delivery:** 5kph  
**Average price of a meal for two:** \$\$\$  
**Score: ★★★★★**

Dhs81. Dubai Media City (04 381 8065), Jumeirah Emirates Towers (04 319 8088), Souk Madinat Jumeirah (04 366 6730) DIFC (04 363 7093) Burjuman (04 352 6615) The Dubai Mall (04 388 4825).

### Wagamama



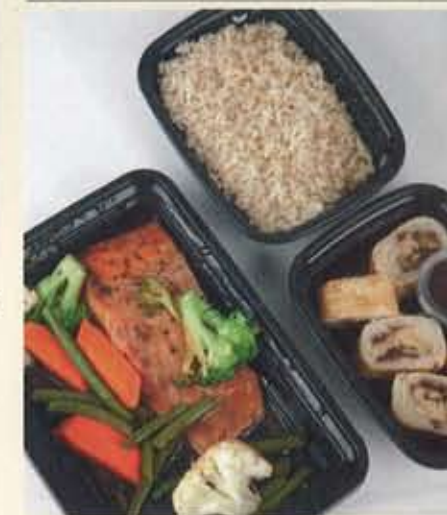
We opted for three chicken gyozas and the yaki soba noodles with prawns, chicken and veggies. The gyozas were flavoursome with a soy dipping sauce, though the noodles were slightly soggy and overdone.

**Speed of delivery:** 4.78kph  
**Average price:** \$\$  
**Score: ★★★★★**

Dhs62. The Greens (04 361 5757), Sheikh Zayed Road (04 331 1111), JBR (04 399 5900).

## Healthy

### KCal



The salmon teriyaki was a little overcooked, though this was alleviated by a delicate sauce that enhanced the dish. Brown rice provided a healthy side along with nicely al dente steam vegetables. The sweet banana sushi dessert (made with rice) had just enough dark chocolate sauce to satisfy a sweet tooth, without undoing the good work of the mains.