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Let's come together and fill spring 2024 with content – see you at Fórum Debrecen Shopping Mall.

Ajtony Átányi Mall Manager Fórum Debrecen Shopping Mall

# EFASHION



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#### EDITOR'S CHOICE



## Lili Vincze

Bright and playful – this is my definition of fashion this spring. 2024's palette is augmented by a rich display of hues as well as by memorable stylistic features from past decades. The past appears in a revamped form, peppering the season with excitement. Updated trends radiate a nostalgic feel and the broad range of historic pieces helps us find our own personality in fashion. Trends of the '70 s,'80s,'90s, and 2000s are all with us, so we can ride the waves by integrating them in our own personal style. If the protean throng of stylistic attributes should prove to be stifling, FÓRUM Magazine's latest issue will serve as a guide, a "map to the trends," where novelties are presented in a manifold manner.

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#### EDITOR'S CHOICE

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It's spring at last! My favorite season, characterized by cheerfulness and energy. Its extraordinary magic is shown in the play of colors, and the world of fashion is no exception. When editing the magazine we strove to evoke the special feel of spring by combining soft, relaxing tones with vibrant, lively colors. My personal favorite is the hue called Peach Fuzz, which has a prominent place in this spring's fashion palette. It carries the soft yet lush tones of the eponymous fruit, creating a perfect equilibrium between elegance and freshness. Applying a broad palette in the magazine our goal was to ensure that everyone can find a style to their liking. Thanks to the varied shapes and stylistic attributes everyone is guaranteed to spot at least one special item, accessory, or book that best suits their personality. I feel lucky that to have been involved in the editing process, since year by year I have the opportunity to improve as a member of a motivating, supportive collective. Editing a magazine issue is long and hard work, and it has given me joy, sadness, exclusivity, freedom, friendships and love alike, so summing up I must say, each and every moment was worth it. Dear Reader! Make yourself comfortable and leaf through Fórum Fashion Magazine to enter the magical world of spring fashion!



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## Anna Novák

Spring revival! Yes, spring brings the feel of novelty, cheerfulness, and renewal. Stores are filled to the brim with new pieces and sets dreamed up by designers and clothes appear in the colors of the rainbow. The concept behind this spring issue was to show where this year's emphasis lies. 2024's color is Peach Fuzz, and its announcement has ushered in the birth of a new trend based on harmony. Furthermore, bows, frills, and textile wonders are gaining ground. Counterbalancing this peach-colored baby world we envisioned a rugged man on the cover. We have worked with Debrecen-based comic Péter Elek earlier, who we regard as an exciting character, so we didn't have to look any further to find someone for another session that showcases his versatility.

It is not an overstatement to say that my job is a love affair, as there is no greater gift then doing what you love. I sincerely hope you, the reader, will find what suits you in fashion, literature, or even by reading a dessert recipe. Have a pleasant time looking through our magazine issue. The motto of this season should be: "Glow and ride the waves of spring fashion!"

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# FÓRUM PORTRAIT PÉTER ELEK

umor is like a painkiller: it alleviates the symptoms of gloomy, monochrome days and improves your mood. The most ingenious and witty humor, however, is like a heady dose of intravenous cocktail with long-term effects, which the recipient takes with them to the rat race so that they will have a means to take up the fight against negative impressions. Therefore, good comedians heal you, through your diaphragm. It is a great responsibility: finding the boundary between daring jokes and tasteless ones is like walking on thin ice, but whoever has found the golden mean will be able to boast sold-out shows and an audience with valuable feedback. Péter Elek has recently launched his own stand-up show, where he supplies his iconoclastic opinions in great doses. Just what the doctor ordered! We asked him about the analysis of humor, improvisation, fashion, and his relationship to drama.





# Thanks to your job, you are not unfamiliar with cameras. Yet you played a new role at Fórum Fashion Magazine's photoshoot as a model. How did you like it?

Very much! I have worked with Fórum's team on several occasions, so it was a delightful session even though posing and modeling is not my cup of tea. But truly it was nice

#### Did you get stage fright?

Not in the least, unfortunately, which can become unfavorable in such situations. My sensory threshold is higher than average – probably owing to doing stand-up – and my mind wanders, especially in new or slightly uncomfortable scenarios. When something feels alien, I tend to choose an escape route by being silly. This is probably my way of processing new information.

#### How important is fashion in your private life or in your work? Is it vital to have a certain look on stage which contributes to your overall presence?

I'm not crazy about fashion, but presence is important. I put emphasis on shaping my body. The goal is to work out with an intensity that even the lamest clothes will look good on me. This is the school I ad-

here to: I am on the "jeans and gray T-shirt" team. You know, like Bruce Willis in Pulp Fiction: a tight white tee with a pair of comfortable jeans, I don't think there is a better and more comfortable combination. I only put on a shirt when it is absolutely unavoidable, but then, too, I prefer to go with the Terence Hill-type checked shirts that just feel right to wear. I am wary of smart pieces, probably because of the latent prole living inside me.

# Now that we have mentioned the stage, let's talk about your work. Your own stand-up show entitled Male Intuition was launched not too long ago. Where are you with this right now?

We take it to rural venues, 2 or 3 towns per month, and I do a show in Budapest every month. I was awarded a certain freedom on the stage by *Dumaszínház* and the viewers, and I wish to make good use of it and provide good service, to put it bluntly.

#### How long did it take you to construct your show?

A few weeks or months, but it is still being shaped, because I tend to review it all the time. I still don't consider it to be as stable as to regard it as a final product. Now I

feel like crossing out at least a third of the material and adding something else because I am constantly trying to get the best possible end result. I think you can't write stand-up by putting a full stop in the Word document: you must always reshape it, because the whole thing can always become more elaborate and better.

## What is your take on improvisation? Do you get an opportunity to use it? How much wiggle room do you have?

Well, I improvise a lot, but I add that to the running time, so that I have a fixed and stable basis for the show, and the rest of it is improvisation, which I will do anyway. Improv, for that matter, is always very gratifying, audiences love it. Something that feels unwritten always has a greater dramatic effect because it is demonstrably

happening there. Someone is sitting there with, say, a yellow umbrella, and I say something to her that makes the audience laugh, and we can go from there. This is a constant feature, I do it regularly, but of course you can't rely on only that, because very soon "the king would be naked." It would mean that the comic had not prepared but was only riding impulses.

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whatever criticism
he got from anyone that had seen his show had something important about it, even if it came out as pure malice.

#### Why is your show called Male Intuition?

Because I wanted to present things from my perspective to other people. Very often I deliberately place myself in opposition to certain viewpoints on topics that many people shy away from. I talk about a lot of taboo subjects, and persistently stand by my own perspective, which may be interpreted as a plea by a "suppressed and suffering man."

### Are taboos more easily accepted when they are wrapped in humor?

Only in that way can they really be taken in. Everything can become the subject of a joke if it is closer to being funnier than to being offensive: that's the most important rule of thumb. A joke is tactless and tasteless when a tragedy is very close to us in time. Perhaps it was Gergely Litkai who said that humor is basically tragedy multiplied by time. So when a lot of time has passed, we can laugh about it. Obviously, the more overwhelming the tragedy, the more time needs to pass, but I like to talk about taboo subjects because I get more audience reaction. Sometimes people don't show it, but you can still see that they are touched by this or that topic, they recognize



themselves in the jokes, start to relate to them, and when you have that the task is to build it up cleverly. I don't talk about things that seem like they have been included in the show just to be funny. It is much easier to grasp a controversial subject matter and people feel, "wow, he really put his foot in it!" This is evidently risky business, especially when someone brings up a topic before a lot of people that they don't otherwise discuss even with a narrow circle of friends: they can quickly lose credibility. You must take care not to become offensive with your message, so I always try to flavor those big and difficult bites in a way that everyone can swallow them.

# Can you give me some examples? I feel like we are skirting the issue of taboo without putting our finger on it...

The topic of sexuality definitely comes up in my show, but not in an explicit way: the point is not to be obnoxious but to be bold and intellectual about things. Most of the jokes can sound strange at first, but when the audience keeps up and follows the logic, they usually realize there is a reason I'm bringing things up, and I like it very much when we reach the "he's right after all" phase, which can be near cathartic. Yet I'm annoyed to talk about topics that feel alien to me, because the show won't be authentic. As Gyula Bodrogi said, "the audience is a genius," it intuits everything, especially when you're faking it, which is magnified by the stage. You can't get away with any BS in the framework of stage/audience.

### Who are those people sitting before you in the audience?

There are all kinds of age groups and sexes, although in comparison with the audiences that older colleagues get, they are somewhat younger on average. Of course, this doesn't entail that there are no viewers from the 50s/60s age group, but the mean value is lower than that. One thing is sure: those with a taste for '90s comedy shows are not sure to find anything amusing about my special. One time, however, there was an older, strict-





faced guy in the audience directly in front of me, and I was convinced that he would hate me and it would prove too much for him. Ultimately, he was one of the those who roared with laughter.

# You mentioned the name of Louis C. K. as a model in several interviews. Who are some of the others that inspire you?

I'm always influenced by those comics that I'm studying. Some time ago I analyzed the Dumaszínház comedians on the screen, I typed up shows by Showder Klub, and highlighted lines where the laughter was louder. It was a slightly scientific approach; I tried to find the Holy Grail of humor

#### And have you found it?

Yes, I have. The answer is that there is no such thing. There are professional requirements, but the software is an own, individual style, which varies. I basically researched the amount of laughter with respect to the different comics, and what I found was that we deem those comedians better who are laughed at often and loudly. Why that is, is another question. This is exactly why I can't pinpoint any one artist as a role model. I learned a lot from Ádám Kiss and Péter Janklovics, for instance. The latter is teaching me how you can provide undiluted, ecstatic entertainment. No frills, but only the dialog, all of it acted out. It also interests me to see how a one-man show can be so visually impressive on the stage, because he does that. From Gergely Litkai I am learning to serve up humor from thousands of different perspectives, but I could go on about others. Another one is András Hajós, who I haven't studied very closely, but still is a great favorite from the Hungarian scene. His style and line of humor is perhaps the closest to mine, a certain insolent but intellectual approach. Since I started playing piano and guitar on stage I have had people call out "Hajós" on several occasions.

#### Who criticizes you? Who do you take it from?

István Verebes said something important that I can fully agree with: whatever criticism he got from anyone that had seen his show had something important about it, even if it came out as pure malice. There is always a reason for the person articulating that opinion, emphasizing something negative. All of these points can be traced back to some valid argument when you lose the spitefulness. I can take criticism from any member of the audience. There are some opinions that I take with a pinch of salt. Obviously, I am keenly observant of comments from my mentors, but an opinion of the average viewer counts as much.

#### What is your feedback like?

Luckily, I mostly receive good feedback, but if there is any bad, I start investigating it. I don't take negative reviews too hard, since this is a product that can be criticized when it is bad, and the criticism can help me improve. What kind of stand-up comedian would I be if audiences only praised me from the first minute? People need to be queried about the bad. When I invite a friend to a show my first question to them is always about what they didn't like.

#### Are you so analytical about everything?

I would say I'm more intuitive than analytical. But when I want a good result, I go to my inner analyst. There are very few areas where it is needed, but this is one of them.

## How much do you rely on your personal experiences and environment when writing your material?

There is nothing else I rely on more. Of course, I take care not to offend anyone too much. Being true doesn't automatically make something funny. So I am inspired by my surroundings, and I don't think people resent that, but audience reaction is really important in this sense, too. For instance, if I start to rant and take it out on my mother, the audience won't like that. Similarly, if I expose her too much, the audience, too, will feel uncomfortable, and it won't work on the stage. Reality is not the point, but rather that it isn't too much. This is something that gets taken care of organically.

#### What are your plans for the future?

I want to do the same but better, at a higher level of efficiency and intensity.

#### The blitz five:

For recreation do you prefer streaming or the cinema?
Streaming.

### When on a trip, do you prefer sightseeing or the beach?

Both. If I had to choose, then a beach holiday with sightseeing.

## When on a date, do you prefer a walk or a light dinner?

Dinner, because I like eating, but it doesn't really matter what I'm doing when I'm with someone I feel comfortable with: we might walk, have dinner, or pluck a chicken.

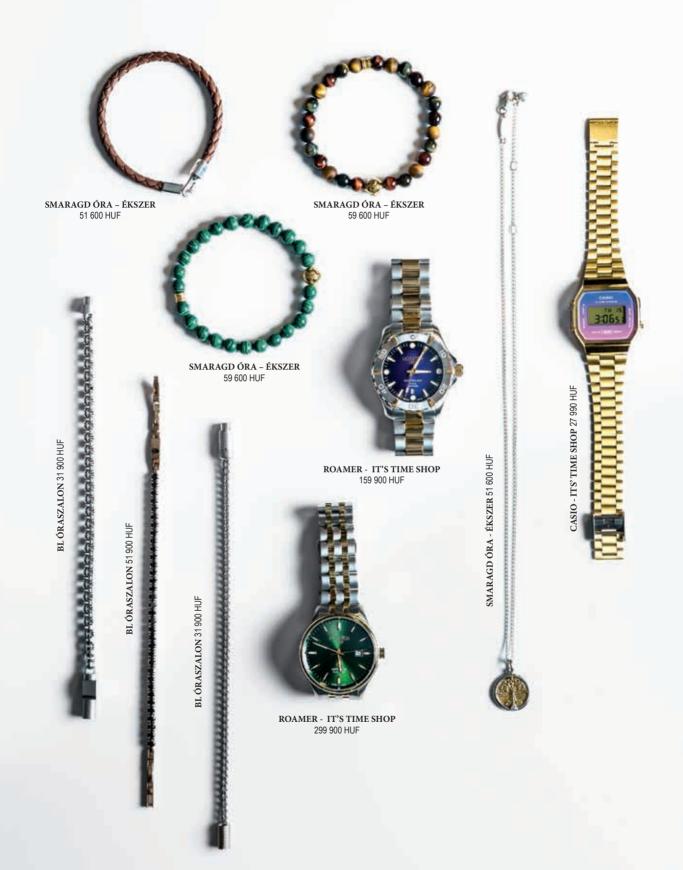
In clothing, do you prefer elegant or sporty? Sporty, easy-going.

# In films, do you prefer serious or comedy? Definitely the more serious stuff. If I want to laugh my go-to place is memes or Family Guy and co.











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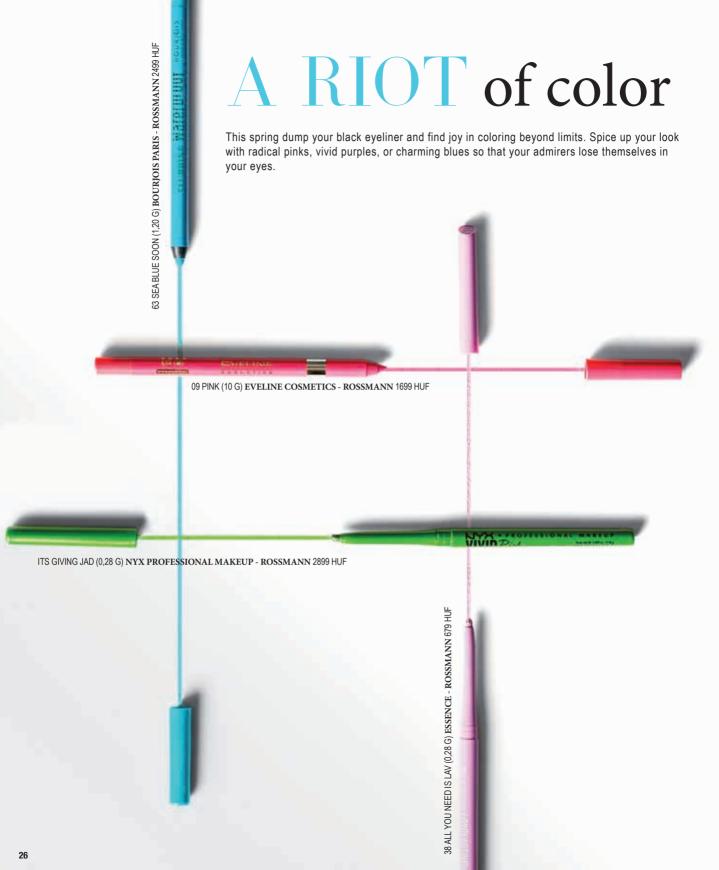
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Adolescence is a time of self-exploration. It's easier to find your own way and style when wearing comfortable items. This year jeans are sweetened with stripes and freshness so the only ingredient missing is YOU!







# #BookBoard

# Gou always have a choice...

There's a risk in recommending books, because the experience of reading is always subjective. Tastes vary not only in clothes or food, but also in books.

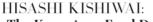
Even though I feel that the popularization of reading is a mission, I am a little headstrong and run ahead of trends. What often happens is I come across the season's most popular book, which is all the rage, but never choose it. Then, having second thoughts, I pick it up with the inner drive to see if it is really all that bad. This spring I decided not to overcomplicate my choices and not

to pick books on the basis of thorough and strategic deliberation. Rather, I let myself be inspired by the color of the year; the powdery tone

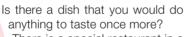
"Peach Fuzz," which has a positive value, radiates happiness, promotes acceptance and empathy, and makes you featherlight with its ethereal quality. This is what we need! No complications, just magical, color covers and surprise content. At the outset I was sure that no heavy-handed horror stories would be published within such covers, yet I was sometimes surprised. So let's see what the peach-colored covers have in store for us:

CSILLA TÖRÖK-PAPP

Alföld Television Business unit manager



The Kamogawa Food Detectives



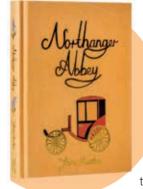
There is a special restaurant in a quiet backstreet in Kyoto where a father and a daughter, in addition to serving extravagant dishes, help others to recreate lost family recipes that could provide a key to recalling forgotten memories or finding happiness in the future. We

are gradually acquainted with six lives during six investigations into lost dishes. The

entire book is suffused with the peculiar feel of Asian culture. Flavors, prayers... and spices unknown to me are the focus. Parallel to Nagare's investigations I, too, browsed the Internet for places to purchase the ingredients from. The way of self-knowledge through cuisine raised my interest in the writer, too, who was born in 1952, and works as a dentist and appears in TV shows and magazines. Immediately I understood the source of my fascination.

# FAVORITE QUOTE:

"Fate is a strange thing: it gets people together, because you will meet whomever you need to meet. In the same way, I have no doubt that people who have something to do with us will find their way here."



# JANE AUSTEN: **Northanger Abbey**

In an unusual way, this book is the English-language original, but it landed in my cart not only because of its "Peach Fuzz" cover. Libri bookstore in Fórum has these classics on the shelves with new, youthful designs that look like canvas covers but are in reality bound in what's called "structured art paper," and I am more than the paper about that I recommend reading

happy about that. I recommend reading Northanger Abbey (1818) when you are already

familiar with the rest of Austen's stories and regard "Jane" as an old friend, because this one is a satirical piece loaded with self-irony. Here Austen allows herself to address the reader in quaint "asides," and she's right to do so. This work, like so many others, was published only after her death. Even though it is relegated to the end of the list by critics, it boasts a voice that we rarely hear elsewhere, and this in itself shows Austen's greatness. I can only recommend it, while reinforcing the peach-scented spring mood.

# FAVORITE QUOTE:

"Modesty, and all that, is very well in its way, but really a little common honesty is sometimes quite as becoming."



# KATHRYN STOCKETT: The Help 1-2

This book is another instalment in the genius "Capsule Library" series launched in 2021. The popularization of reading is not primarily about feeding our children the canon of "compulsory reading," but much rather about reading material that is both idiomatically and cognitively exciting, yet also entertaining, and describes our world in a witty and spellbinding manner. These

two books are like that. '60s American small town Jackson is swept away by the wind of change: whites no longer believe in segregation and blacks no longer fear saying what's on their mind. This historical period has something to teach those who have a problem with acceptance. The story unfolds through the eyes of three main characters, Skeeter, Aibileen, and Minny, which variable narrative perspective can remain exciting and humane throughout the 700 pages. The only downside is the small print that is a direct consequence of the book's length.

# FAVORITE QUOTE:

"That's fine,' he'll say. 'You fine?'

'I'm fine,' I say. 'Fine, then.'"



# TOVE DITLEVSEN: Childhood (Copenhagen Trilogy 1)

This book appeared on Hungarian shelves only in 2023 despite the fact that the writer had died in 1976. The reminiscences take us back to her childhood. The work is ahead if its time and the contemporary classics of autofiction. This novella on the borderline of autobiography and fiction has a peculi-

ar yet predictable language born from own traumas. Instead of the Danish royal family, the potit bourgeoisis, and the potity weekdays.

we see the life of the petit bourgeoisie, and the petty weekdays of factory workers and people in odd jobs, through the eyes of a child "born in the wrong place." Her life is painful and abusive, and if you know her poems, you might believe that the experiences were "true." If judging by the cover you expect light reading, you will be disappointed. The next part of the trilogy, *Youth*, is already in the bookstores, and the writer is finishing the third part entitled Dependency.

# FAVORITE QUOTE:

"Wherever you turn, you run up against your childhood and hurt yourself because it's sharp-edged and hard."

# YASMINA REZA: **Serge**



YASMINIA REZA

I have read a lot of different books about Jewish people and I'm afraid they often come after the same pattern: they write about the greatest disgrace in human history, and the writing rips off the band-aid. Now comes a book which tells us about a Jewish family and possibly rips off another band-aid: it focuses on the family tradi-

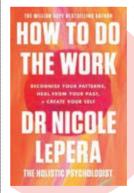
tion that the siblings can't or simply won't carry on irrespective of their Jewish descent.

This story is about sibling love and rivalry, the difficulty of family relationships, the so-called band-aid in many people's lives. Yasmina Reza wrote a tragicomedy where the functionality of the family as an institution is teetering, black humor colors the siblings' disheveled relationships, and although questions are posed, answers are not always found, to my mind. My subjective opinion is: the story calls for a darker cover design.

# **FAVORITE QUOTE:**

"I don't get why Granny had her remains cremated. Isn't it strange that a Jew would want her remains to be cremated? I decided to visit Oswitz this year...'

'AUSCHWITZ! Serge exclaimed. 'Oswitz! Are you a goy or what? Learn to pronounce it properly! Auschwitz! Auschhhhhwitz! Shhhh!'"



# DR. NICOLE LEPERA: How to Do the Work

No psychology books can be a substitute for work with an expert, but they can help you make the first step. A well-structured self-help book can shed light on many aspects of our self-knowledge, and this collection is of that kind. "Heal your soul, your mind and your body through holistic psychology," says LePera, who, according

to her, wasn't a traumatized child, she was simply raised in an alternative way. Holistic

psychology strives to reinstate the equilibrium of the body and the nervous system and to heal unprocessed psychic injury by focusing on the mind, the body, and the psyche. The expert's Instagram page has over two million followers worldwide, where she shares practical advice such as you may find in her book. Pick up this book to dust off your knowledge if the following words ring familiar: ego story, trauma bond, abuse education. If they do not, there's a perfect reason to get acquainted with this book.

# MY FAVORITE QUOTE:

"The subconscious mind loves existing in a comfort zone."





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### Directions:

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## Directions:

Mix the eggs and the sugar for the custard, heat up over boiling water, then whisk until cool.

Add mascarpone and pistachio cream to the custard.
Layer the cream, the sponge cake fingers dipped in coffee, the cocoa powder, and the chopped pistachios in a bowl. Repeat until the ingredients run out. Finish off with a layer of custard, then sprinkle some cocoa powder and add coarsely chopped pistachios on top. Finally, let it cool in the fridge for 3-4 hours so that it sets nicely and the flavors ripen.



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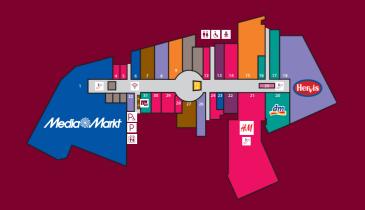
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