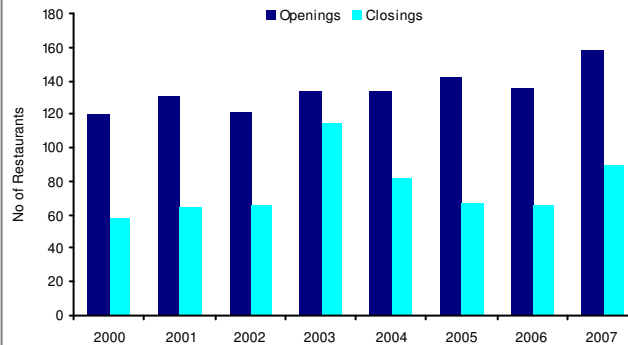


- There are around 6,000 licensed restaurants in London offering menus from over 50 major country cuisine styles
- In addition, there are also over 5,000 pubs and bars, as well as 83 markets, many of which sell food from around the world
- Since 2000, over 1,000 new restaurants have opened in London, with a record 158 new venues opening in 2007
- Thai and Japanese food has been London's fastest growing cuisine style in recent years
- There has also been an uptick in English cuisine, helped by renewed interest in modern British food
- London has also become a leading gourmet city. The capital now boasts 45 Michelin starred restaurants, up from 34 in 2004
- These include one coveted three star venue, Gordon Ramsey at Chelsea
- London also has 27 Bib Gourmand establishments offering good food at moderate prices
- Five restaurants in the capital have been voted amongst the 50 best restaurants in the world

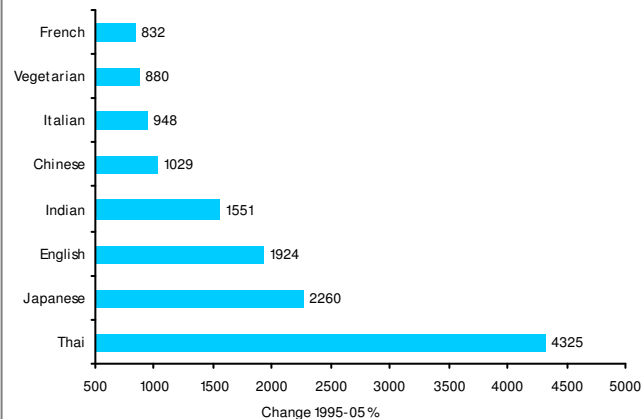
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LONDON: RESTAURANT OPENINGS & CLOSINGS 2000-07



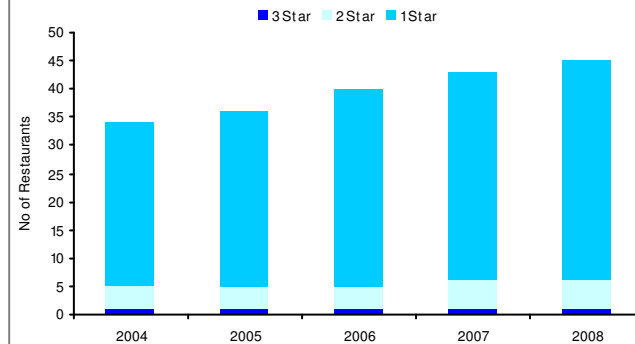
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LONDON: GROWTH BY RESTAURANT TYPE 1995-05



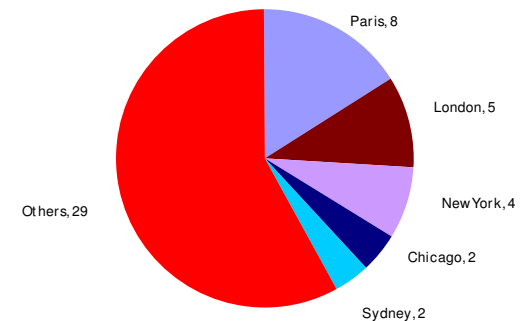
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LONDON: MICHELIN STARRED RESTAURANTS 2004-08



Source: Michelin Guide to Great Britain & Ireland

WORLD'S 50 BEST RESTAURANTS BY CITY 2008



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