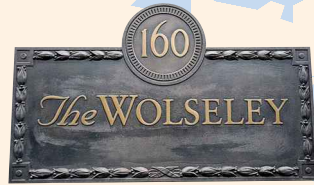


‘I think the fact that a restaurant is a transplant of something that made a splash elsewhere gives it instant velocity’

FRANK BRUNI, *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

THE WOLSELEY

This star-spotter's paradise, home of the best Wiener schnitzel in London, is the jewel in the crown of Chris Corbin and Jeremy King's empire. The Lutyens building, a former car showroom on Piccadilly, is particularly popular with high-profile breakfasters who like to be seen power broking. Corbin and King are currently looking for a Wolseley site in New York, and rumour has it Dubai is next.



LOS ANGELES
Soho House



SOHO HOUSE

Soho House, which already has a branch in Manhattan, is on its way to global domination. These media-hub clubs, with their slightly film-centric members-only formula, are the brainchild of Nick Jones. Richard Caring now owns 80 per cent of the company, and branches will open in West Hollywood, Miami and Berlin in 2009 and Chicago in 2010, all with their particular brand of hearty fresh food.

LAS VEGAS
Hakkasan
Mahiki

MIAMI
Le Caprice
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Hakkasan
Soho House

HAKKASAN

Alan Yau's chic (and very expensive) Chinese restaurant, with its low-lit Christian Liagre interior, was an immediate success when it opened in Fitzrovia in 2001 and won a Michelin star in 2003. He sold a majority share in January this year (to Abu Dhabi-based Tasameem), and in February a Hakkasan opened in Istanbul. This year will see Yau's chopsticks clacking in Miami and Abu Dhabi, in Las Vegas in 2010, with Shanghai to follow.



NEW YORK
The Wolseley
Le Caprice
The Ivy

LE CAPRICE

It may look like something out of an Eighties soap but Le Caprice's popularity endures – everyone from Vivien Leigh to Elizabeth Hurley has sampled the renowned fishcakes. It's the perfect choice for a Dubai opening – Richard Caring working with Tatweer again. And the whisper is that Miami and New York are the next stops.



CHICAGO
Soho House

PARIS
The Ivy

BERLIN
Soho House

‘Mahiki might find some competition for the Polynesian experience, but boat drinks certainly fit the lifestyle here’

MARK WHITTINGTON, *LAS VEGAS SUN*



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...tomorrow, the world. London's most famous restaurants and nightclubs are staging an that'll see The Ivy serving fishcakes in Dubai and Boujis nights in Beijing. Hettie Harvey