



Grub Street's Restaurant Power Rankings: Whiskey Soda Lounge, Juni, and Lots More

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The common wisdom is that the last couple weeks in August are the slowest time of year for New York restaurants: It's true that plenty of people leave town, but it's also a time when some owners get a jump on fall openings before the hungry masses return from the Hamptons or Maine or wherever. So it is this week, with a few high-profile openings that range from fine dining in the Middle of Manhattan to Andy Ricker's new Thai-style bar in Brooklyn. Check out where to eat this week in the latest edition of the Grub Street Power Rankings.

15. Meatball Shop (UES location) (16)

The arrival of the Meatball empire on the Upper East Side has been met with nothing less than wide-open arms from residents willing to line up and give it a try. Plus: [brunch!](#)