

Steak Holders

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Dec. 1, 2006 (R&D) -- Last year, Chef Kevin Rathbun

(l.) opened Krog Bar adjacent to the Atlanta restaurant that bears his name. Next spring, he and his partners will open Kevin Rathbun Steak , a 180-seat restaurant with open kitchen and two private dining rooms.

Everyone, it seems, wants to open a steakhouse. Dennis Publishing Ltd. , the London-based publisher of men's magazine Maxim , announced a partnership with multiconcept operator China Grill Management that could result in the openings of 15 Maxim Prime steakhouses over the next five years.

New York City is in the midst of a steakhouse boom. Among high-profile concepts that recently have opened or are planned: Chef-restaurateur Michael Lomonaco

debuted 140-seat Porter House New York in the Time Warner (NYSE:TWX) Center (in space previously occupied by Jean-Georges Vongerichten's V Steakhouse). Other additions to the city's hot steak scene include Chef Todd Mark Miller