

Take Five

Let the good times flow with \$5 cocktails at the new FIV_五 izakaya bar at Hitachi Tower.

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» These days, bankers are cautiously celebrating the economic rebound — no longer with \$380 bottles of Dom Pérignon, but more modestly-priced tipples, such as \$5 cocktails from the month-old Fiv_五, a Japanese-themed watering hole in Raffles Place serving mostly \$5 drinks. The chicly illuminated bar flanked by two escalators used to be occupied by American Express. Ironic? Maybe. The cosy space is now owned by a group of local bankers and lawyers who drew inspiration from Tokyo's 300 Bar, which offers booze at ¥300 yen a pop (about \$5!). Here, selected wines, sake, choya, housepours and Asahi draft beer cost \$5 per glass. No wonder the place was heaving with suits when we visited one Friday night. In case you're feeling rich, there're also more premium drinks at \$12 each, such as the amusing Sakehito (sake + mojito). Tasty \$5 bites are available to soak up your alcohol. Interestingly, the food is prepared in a kitchen shared with actor Adam Chen's fast food joint, R Café, which is just next door. And you're allowed to enjoy some of his dishes right here at the bar. In the pipeline: live performances and plans to open a total of — you guessed it — five outlets.

House Pour Promotions

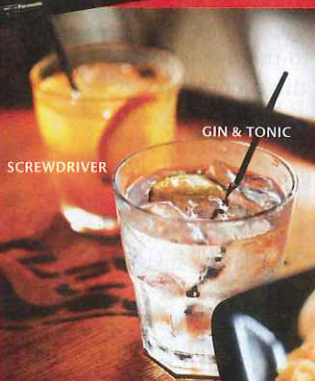
\$5⁺⁺ All-Night-Long!

Asahi Draught, Sake, Choya, Shochu, Red and White Wine, House Pour Spirits

A few \$5 deals

Screwdriver

Sugary orange juice overwhelmed this Skyy Vodka-based drink. Perhaps it's safer to stick to their draft beer.



SCREWDRIVER

GIN & TONIC

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The Beefeater Gin-soaked tonic perked up with lime juice is quite the value-for-money thirst-quencher.

Ebi Fry

Three fluffily battered prawns served with mayo and juicy Japanese pickles. Addictive.



EBI FRY