



## History

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The Uno family opened the first Shiru-Bay nearly thirty years ago in Kyodo in western Tokyo. The restaurant takes its name from the Japanese word shiru, meaning soup, because the Unos served customers miso soup at the end of every meal. Although the first Shiru-Bay was just big enough for a dozen diners, it proved so successful that the Unos soon opened a second izakaya called Raku, which means "fun" or "to relax." Raku became an even bigger hit.

Three decades on, the Unos have over twenty Shiru-Bay and Raku izakaya restaurants located in various Tokyo neighborhoods. The family says the keys to success have always been the same: great food, friendly staff, a fun atmosphere, and reasonable prices.

Those things are just as true of the first Shiru-Bay outside Japan, located in Vancouver's Yaletown district. Kodai Uno and his family wanted to step up the concept here, however, envisioning a very stylish Western café and a menu infused with flavours from all over the world. They added Chopstick Café to the name to indicate their newest restaurant's more international direction.

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