FOUR DISHES · MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE

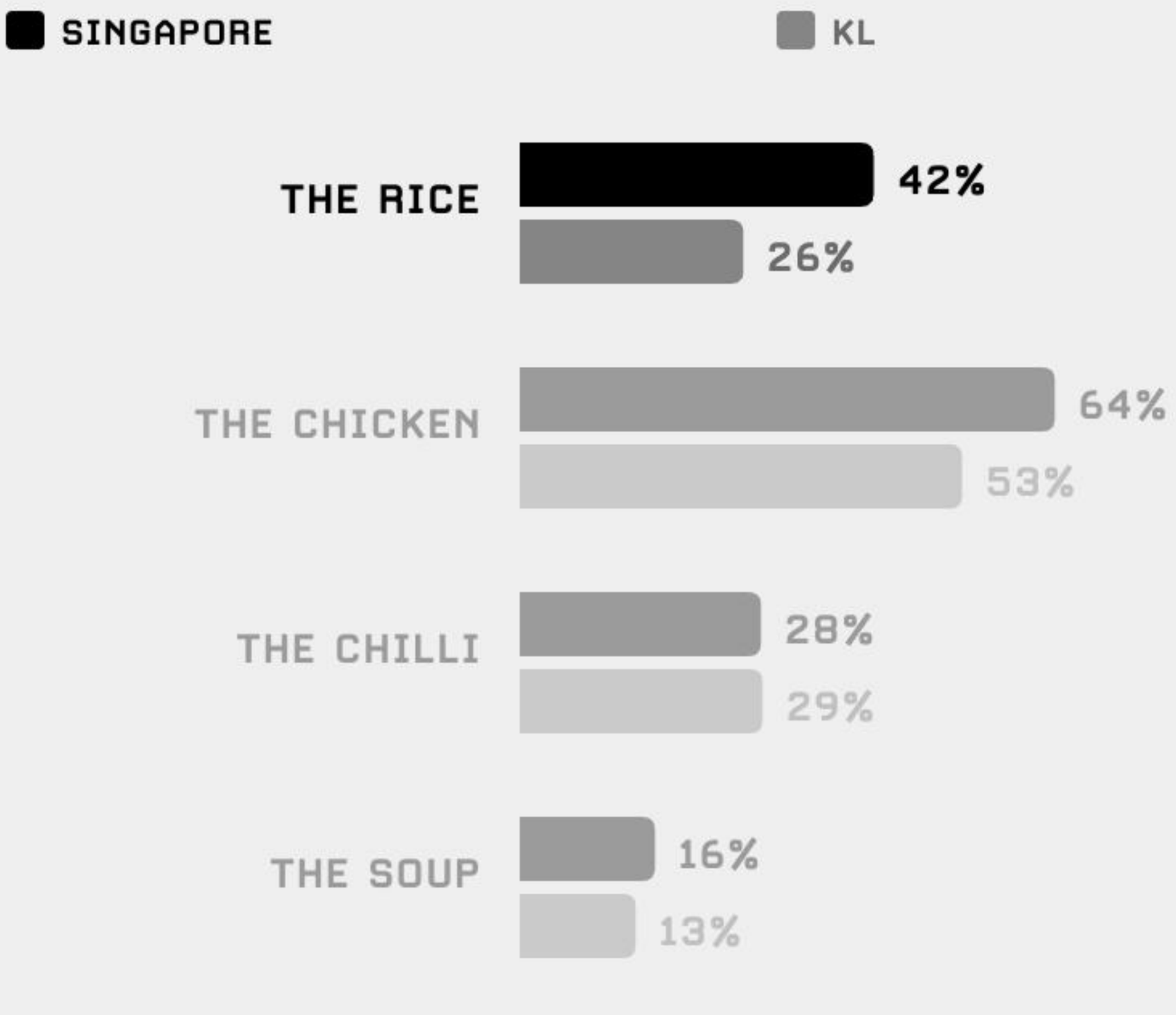
CHICKEN RICE TO PRATA, DISH BY DISH: ONE ALL, AND TWO DRAWS.

EACH WHITE DOT: A PLACE WHOSE REVIEWS AI READ



ROUND 1 · CHICKEN RICE · WHAT HAPPY REVIEWS PRAISE

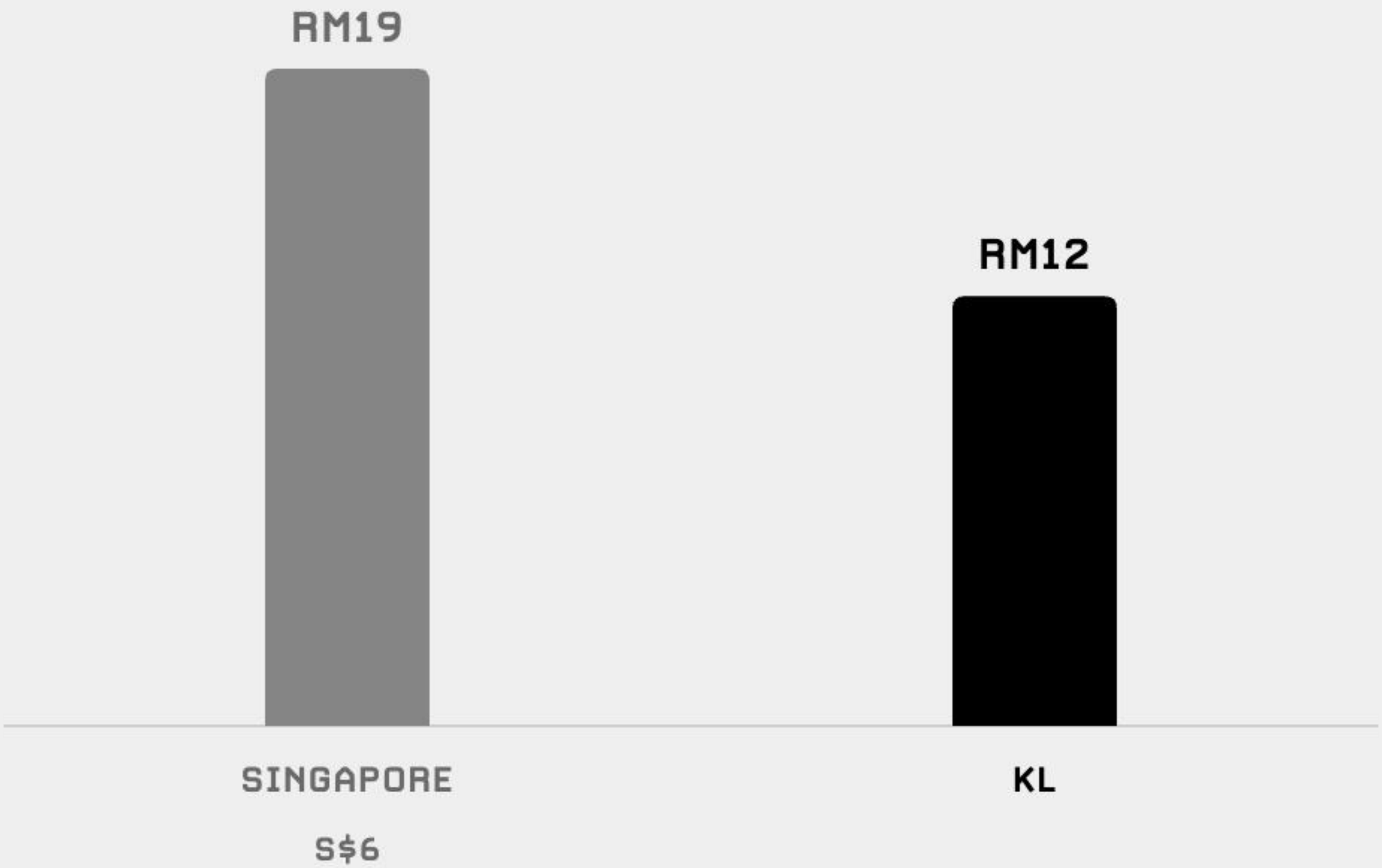
SINGAPORE'S REVIEWS PRAISE THE RICE MORE.



4-5 star reviews on the dish: Singapore 950 (76 places), KL 302 (29 places). AI read Google's 20 most relevant per place, 18 October 2026. Holds in short and long reviews.

ROUND 1 · CHICKEN RICE · ONE PLATE, AS REVIEWERS WROTE IT

ROUND 1 TO SINGAPORE. BUT A KL PLATE COSTS A THIRD LESS.



Middle price per place, then the middle place: Singapore 57 places, KL 13. Prices in reviews are rough. S$1 = RM3.1874 (Bank Negara, 16 October 2026).

ROUND 2 · CHAR KWAY TEOW · REVIEWS THAT COMPARE BOTH

REVIEWERS WHO COMPARE PICK PENANG'S. NOT ONE PICKS SINGAPORE'S.

PENANG'S IS BETTER · 7



JUST LIKE PENANG'S · 4



JUST DIFFERENT · 4



SINGAPORE'S IS BETTER · 0

NONE

Reviews that bring up the other country's char kway teow, read by AI: 15 of 1,850 reviews. A second AI read agreed with 13 of 16 of these tags. Pulled 18 October 2026. A small number: most reviewers ate only one side.

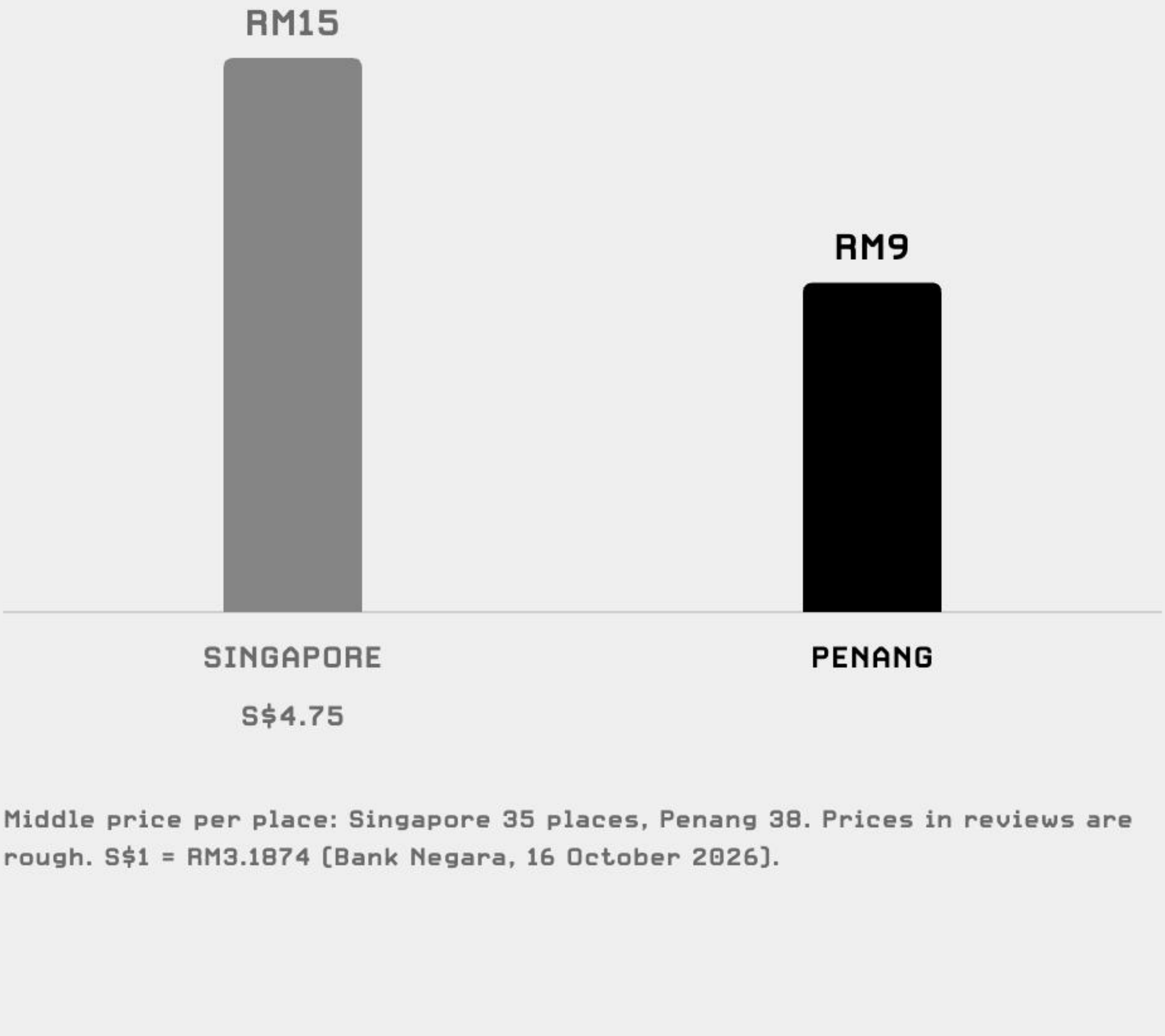
ROUND 2 · CHAR KWAY TEOW · WHAT HAPPY REVIEWS PRAISE

SINGAPORE'S REVIEWS CHASE THE SMOKE.

4-5 star reviews on the dish: Singapore 464 (35 places), Penang 684 (63 places). AI read Google's 20 most relevant per place, 18 October 2026. Holds in short and long reviews.

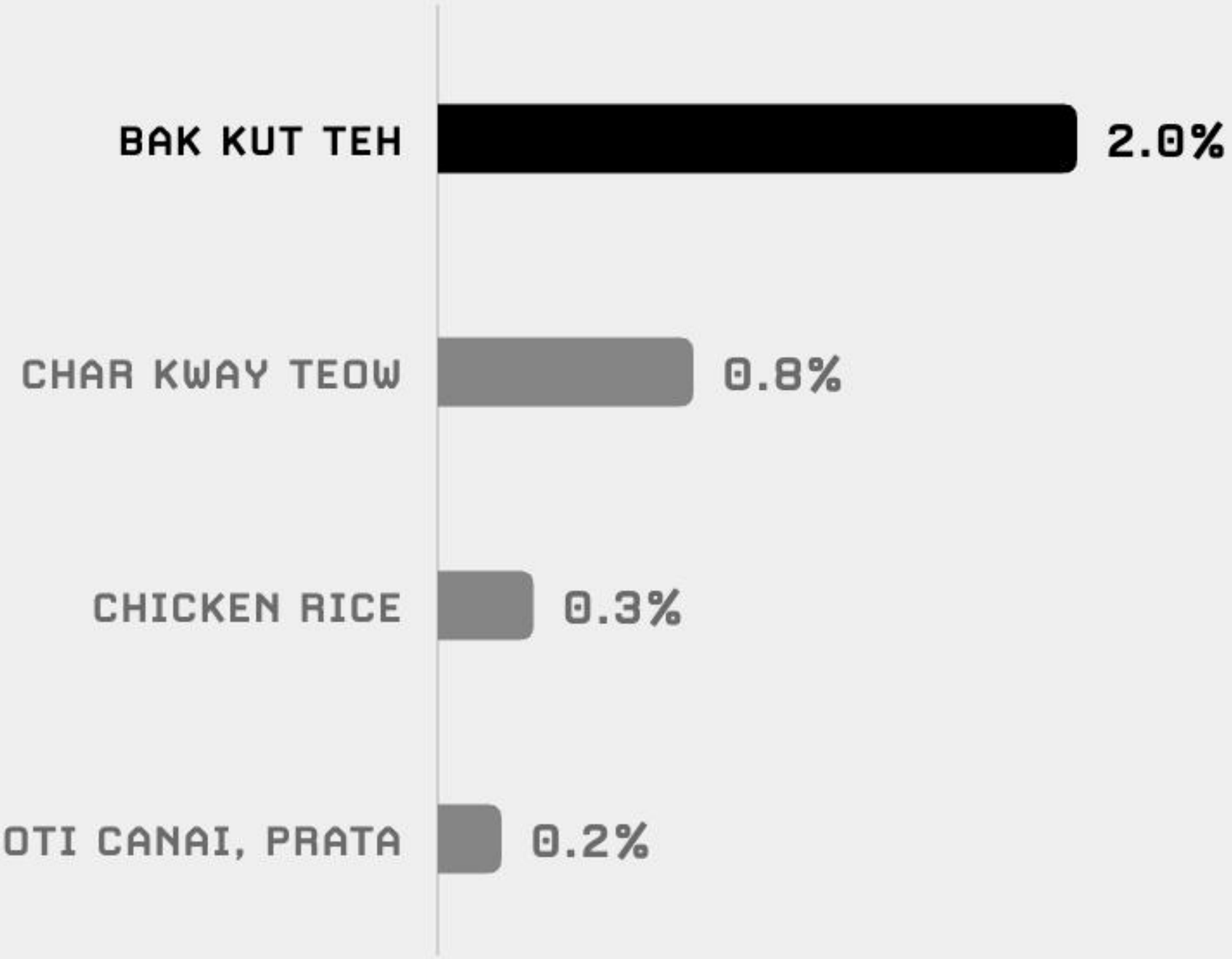
ROUND 2 · CHAR KWAY TEOW · ONE PLATE

ROUND 2 TO PENANG. ITS PLATE COSTS RM9. SINGAPORE'S, RM15.



Middle price per place: Singapore 35 places, Penang 38. Prices in reviews are rough. S$1 = RM3.1874 (Bank Negara, 16 October 2026).

BAK KUT TEH REVIEWS BRING UP THE OTHER SIDE MOST.



Share of the reviews read that bring up the other country's version: bak kut teh 75 of 3,755. Pulled 18 October 2026.

ROUND 3: JUST DIFFERENT. MOST DON'T PICK A SIDE.

JUST DIFFERENT · 32



JUST LIKE THE OTHER SIDE'S · 27



MALAYSIA'S IS BETTER · 11



SINGAPORE'S IS BETTER · 5

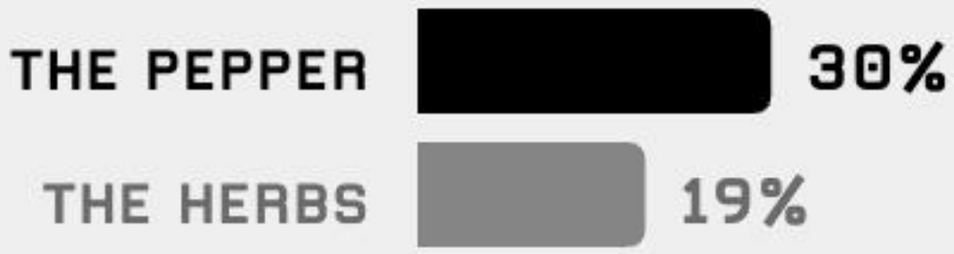


59 of 75 pick no side. Reviews that bring up the other country's bak kut teh, read by AI: 75 of 3,755 reviews. A second AI read agreed with 13 of 16 of these tags. Pulled 18 October 2026.

ROUND 3 · BAK KUT TEH · WHAT HAPPY REVIEWS PRAISE

BECAUSE IT'S TWO SOUPS: SINGAPORE'S PEPPERY, MALAYSIA'S HERBAL.

SINGAPORE



JB

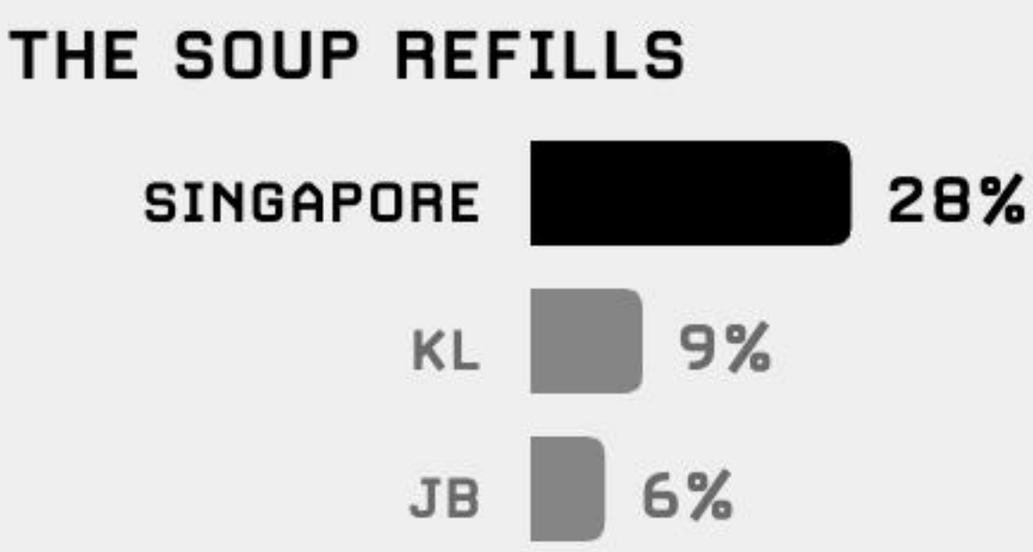


KL



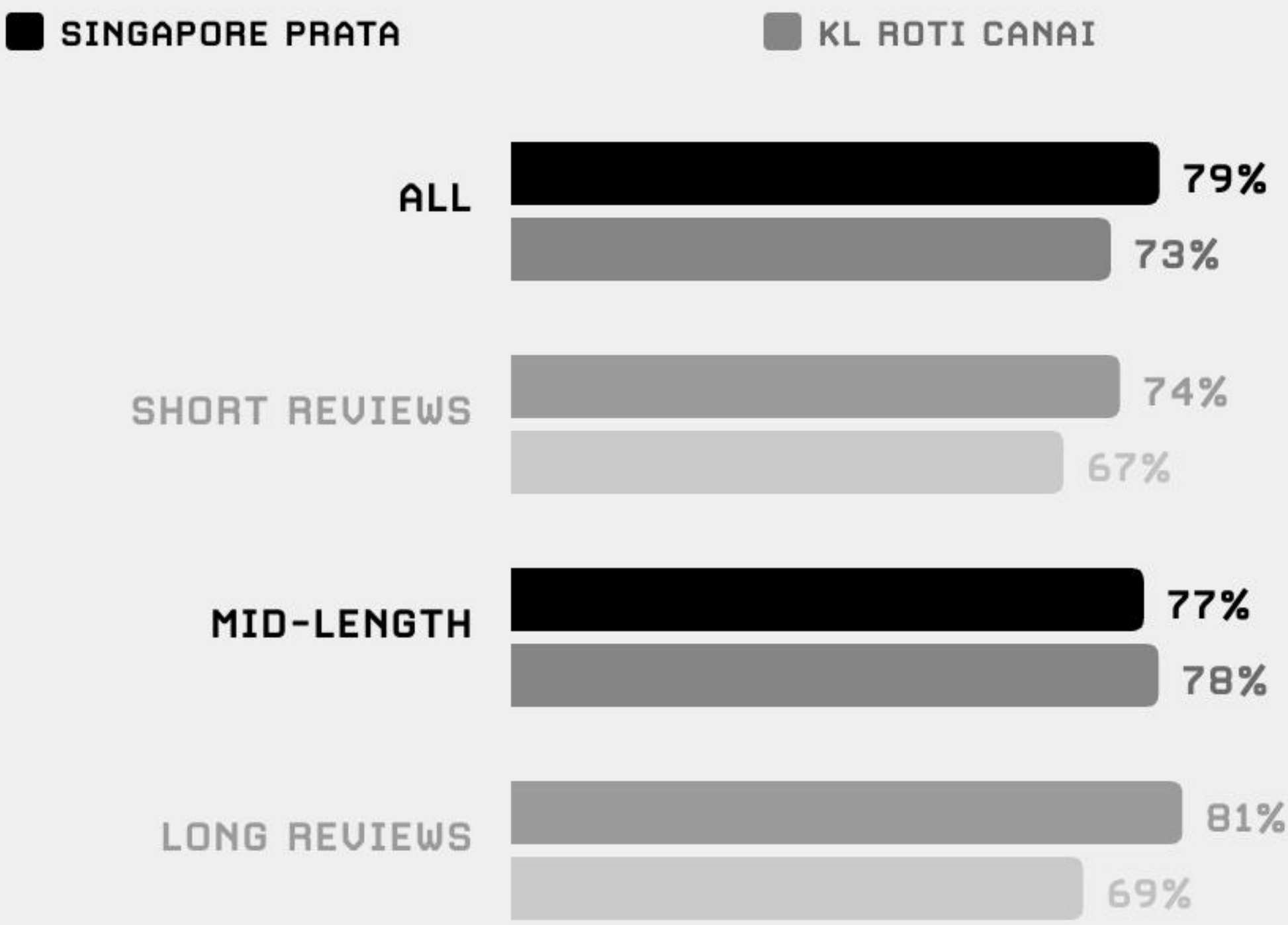
4-5 star reviews on the dish: Singapore 787 (63 places), JB 587 (64 places), KL 925 (68 places). AI read Google's 20 most relevant per place, 18 October 2026.

SINGAPORE'S ALSO GET PRAISED FOR THE FREE SOUP REFILLS.



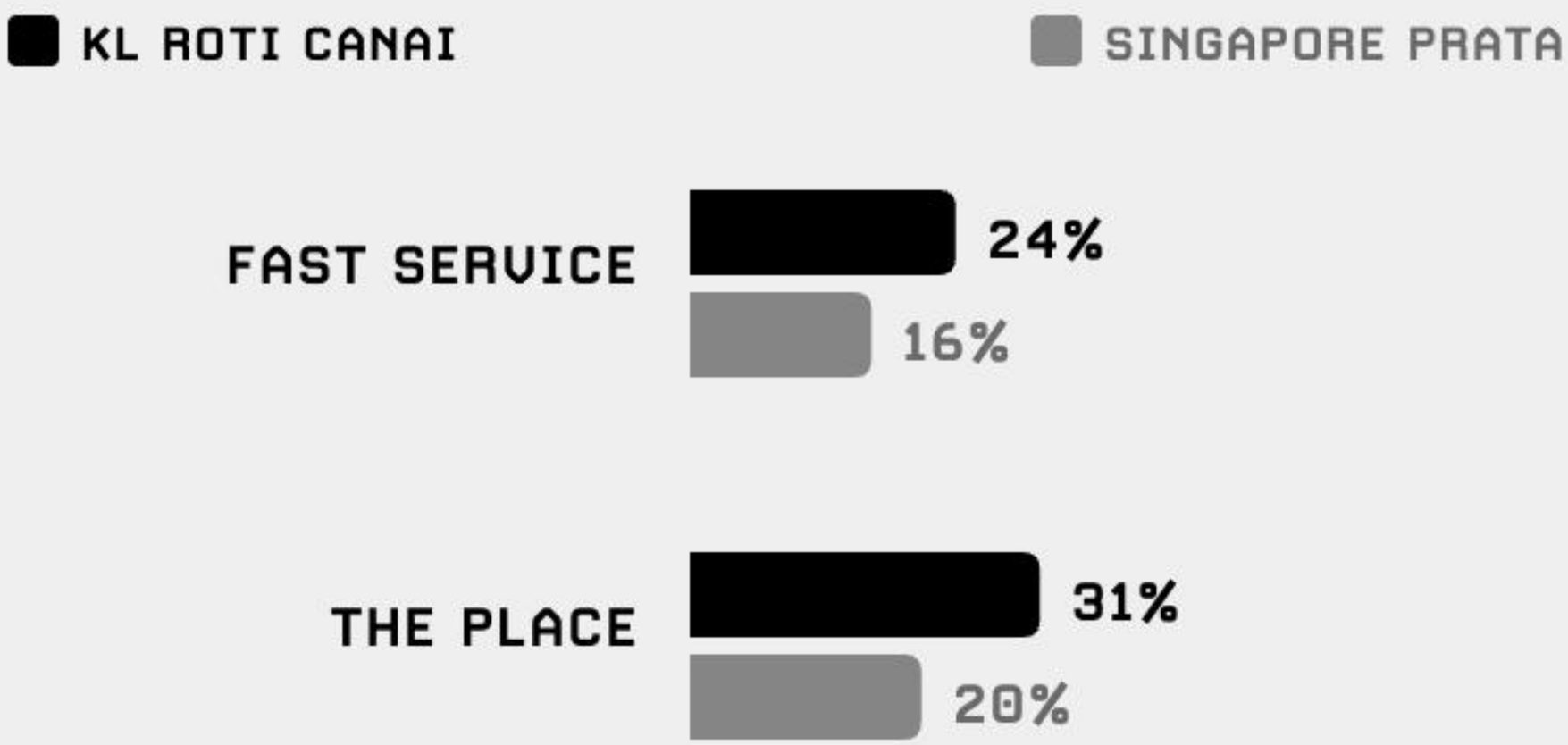
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ROUND 4: A DRAW. BOTH SIDES PRAISE THE BREAD MOST OF THE TIME.



Reviews that praise the bread itself, of those that talk about it: Singapore 687, KL 342 (naan and tosai left out). Singapore's lead flips in mid-length reviews, so no side wins. AI read, 18 October 2026.

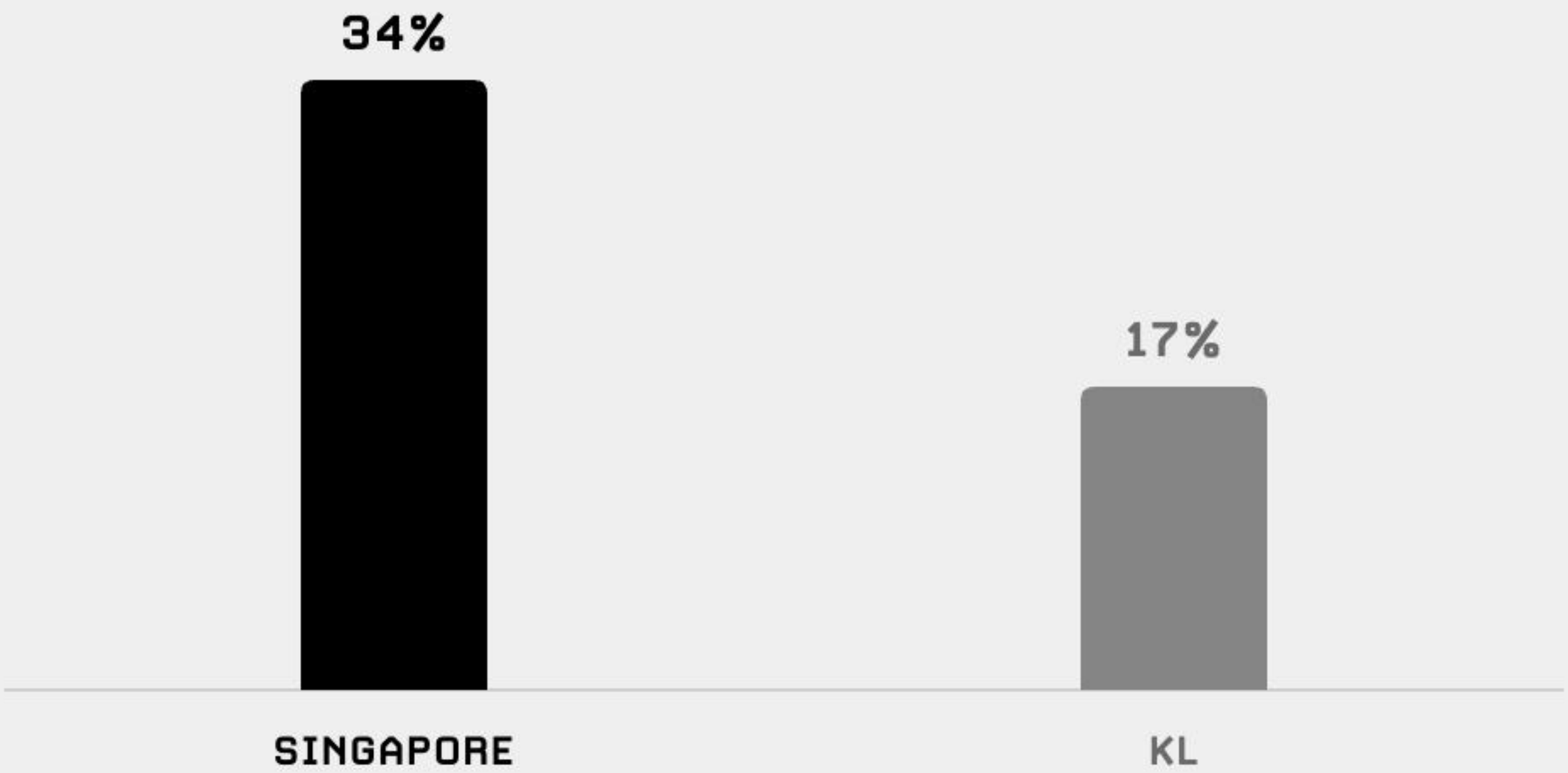
KL'S ROTI CANAI REVIEWS PRAISE THE MAMAK: FAST, AND A PLACE TO SIT.



Same reviews. KL's places are mostly mamaks with wide menus. Holds in short and long reviews.

ROUND 4 · PRATA AND ROTI CANAI · ALL REVIEWS READ

SINGAPORE'S REVIEWS TALK ABOUT THE BREAD TWICE AS OFTEN.



Share of reviews that say anything about the roti canai or prata itself: Singapore 687 of 1,997, KL 342 of 1,996. KL's places are mostly mamaks with wide menus.

THE SCORE

ONE ALL, TWO DRAWS. EVERY PLATE COSTS LESS IN MALAYSIA.

ROUND 1

CHICKEN RICE — SINGAPORE

ROUND 2

CHAR KWAY TEOW — PENANG

ROUND 3

BAK KUT TEH — JUST DIFFERENT

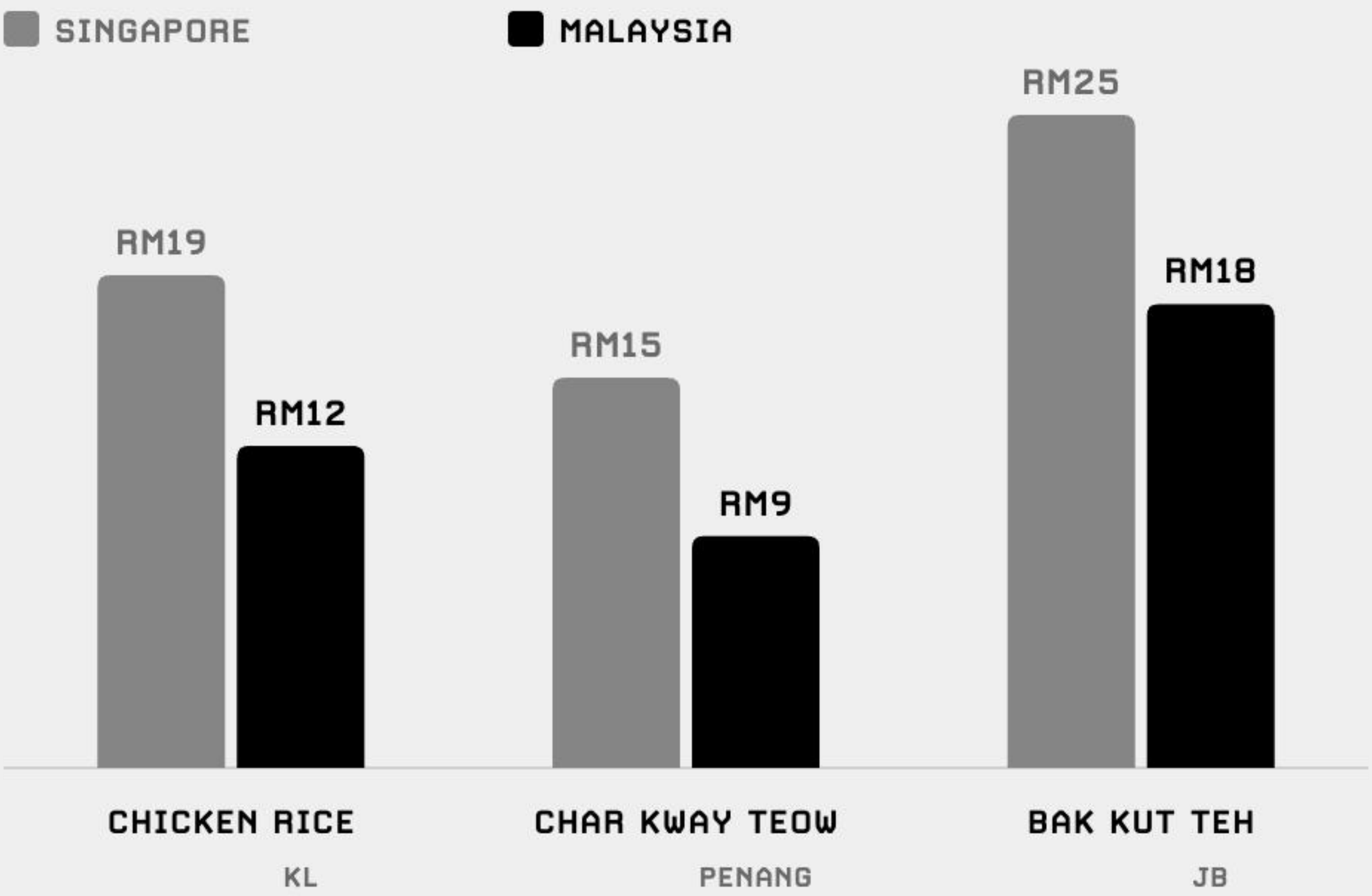
ROUND 4

ROTI CANAI, PRATA — A DRAW

Each round: what reviewers who ate both say, when 10 or more reviews compare the two; else what happy reviews praise. Goes with, not causes.

ONE PLATE OR BOWL, IN RINGGIT

EVERY PLATE COSTS LESS IN MALAYSIA.



Middle price per place, then the middle place; Malaysia is KL, Penang or JB as marked. Prices in reviews are rough and can be old. S$1 = RM3.1874 (Bank Negara, 16 October 2026).

REVIEWERS' FAVOURITES · CHICKEN RICE

CHICKEN RICE: EACH SIDE'S FAVOURITES.

NAT'S CHICKS

SINGAPORE

Singapore · Tai Thong Crescent · 4.5★

Reviews praise the chicken (15 of 20), the chilli (12 of 20).

EDMOND CHICKEN RICE

SINGAPORE

Singapore · Tanglin Halt · 4.5★

Reviews praise the chicken (12 of 20), the rice (11 of 20).

NASI AYAM SUNGAI BULOH

KL

KL · Sungai Buloh · 4.3★

Reviews praise the chicken (16 of 20), the chilli (11 of 20).

CHICKEN RICE HUB

KL

KL · SS15, Subang Jaya · 4.6★

Reviews praise the chicken (15 of 20), the rice (7 of 20).

Rated 4.3+ with 100+ Google reviews, the most of their 20 most relevant reviews praising the dish itself. Praise: 3+ of those 20.

CHAR KWAY TEOW: EACH SIDE'S FAVOURITES.

786 CHAR KWAY TEOW

SINGAPORE

Singapore · Bukit Merah View · 4.4★

Reviews praise the staff (8 of 20), the speed (7 of 20).

MENG KEE FRIED KWAY TEOW

SINGAPORE

Singapore · Havelock Road · 4.4★

Reviews praise the seafood (10 of 20), the wok hei (7 of 20).

TSAN CHAR KOAY TEOW

PENANG

Penang · Chowrasta, George Town · 4.7★

Reviews praise the wok hei (12 of 20), the seafood (9 of 20).

HENG KEE CHAR KOAY TEOW

PENANG

Penang · Presgrave Street, George Town · 4.5★

Reviews praise the wok hei (10 of 20), the sauce (5 of 20).

Rated 4.3+ with 100+ Google reviews, the most of their 20 most relevant reviews praising the dish itself. Praise: 3+ of those 20.

BAK KUT TEH: EACH SIDE'S FAVOURITES.

SONG FA BAK KUT TEH

SINGAPORE

Singapore · New Bridge Road · 4.4★

Reviews praise the meat (12 of 20), the broth (11 of 20).

LEGENDARY BAK KUT TEH

SINGAPORE

Singapore · South Bridge Road · 4.3★

Reviews praise the pepper (10 of 20), the meat (9 of 20).

BAK KUT TEH HIN HOCK

JB

JB · Taman Tampoi · 4.3★

Reviews praise the sides (10 of 20), the broth (6 of 20).

YEOH'S BAH KUT TEH

KL

KL · Klang · 4.4★

Reviews praise the place (11 of 20), the broth (9 of 20).

Rated 4.3+ with 100+ Google reviews, the most of their 20 most relevant reviews praising the dish itself. Praise: 3+ of those 20.

ROTI CANAI AND PRATA: EACH SIDE'S FAVOURITES.

CRISPY ROTI PRATA

SINGAPORE

Singapore · Ubi Avenue 1 · 4.4★

Reviews praise the crisp (18 of 20), the speed (5 of 20).

I. MOHAMED ISMAIL

SINGAPORE

Singapore · Boon Lay Place · 4.4★

Reviews praise the curry (12 of 20), the crisp (9 of 20).

WARUNG SRI NANGKA MAD ZIN

KL

KL · Bangi · 4.5★

Reviews praise the crisp (11 of 20), the speed (9 of 20).

ROTI CANAI PAK ALI

KL

KL · Pantai Dalam · 4.5★

Reviews praise the staff (7 of 20), the curry (7 of 20).

Rated 4.3+ with 100+ Google reviews, the most of their 20 most relevant reviews praising the roti itself. Praise: 3+ of those 20.