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OpenTable Reveals 100 Best Restaurants for Foodies in America

Restaurants Opening in 2015 Earn 25 Spots; New York, California, Minnesota, Oregon, and Texas Restaurants Make Strongest Showing, Standout Cities include Austin, Brooklyn, Minneapolis, Portland, and Seattle

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- As we anticipate dining on the most delicious ingredients of the late summer harvest at restaurants around the nation, <u>OpenTable</u>, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations and part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), today unveiled the <u>100 Best Restaurants for Foodies in America</u> for 2015. These awards reflect the combined opinions of more than 5 million restaurant reviews submitted by verified OpenTable diners for more than 20,000 restaurants in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.



Showcasing both new and established restaurants in some of the nation's most rapidly growing dining destinations, the complete list features winning restaurants in 22 states and the District of Columbia, and includes Al's Place in San Francisco, La Vara in Brooklyn, and Parachute in Chicago. New York has 12 winning restaurants, followed by California with 11, Texas with nine, and Minnesota and Oregon with eight each. Colorado, Illinois, and Pennsylvania each have six honorees, while Washington boasts five. Arizona, Louisiana, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and Virginia have three each. Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee, Washington, D.C., and Wisconsin all have two eateries. Connecticut, Florida, Nebraska, and Ohio are also represented.

Newer restaurants proved most popular, with a quarter of the eateries having opened in 2015 alone, and the majority of honorees were founded in the last five years. Restaurants serving American fare dominate the awards; however, the list represents cuisines from every corner of the globe, including Asian, Basque, French, Israeli, Mexican, Middle Eastern, and Scandinavian.

"This year's honorees are where the culinary magic happens, where the rules of fine dining are being rewritten," says Caroline Potter, OpenTable Chief Dining Officer. "Whether they're reviving forgotten cooking techniques, championing the latest sustainable ingredient, or creating unexpectedly delicious and unique flavor pairings, these restaurants are where you can truly wow the foodies in your life."

The list of the 100 Best Restaurants for Foodies in America are generated from more than 5 million restaurant reviews collected from verified OpenTable diners between August 1, 2014, and July 31, 2015. All restaurants with a minimum "overall" score and number of qualifying reviews were included for consideration. Qualifying restaurants were then sorted according to a score calculated from each restaurant's average rating in the "fit for foodies" category.

Based on this methodology, the following restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, comprise the 100 Best Restaurants for Foodies in America according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at http://www.opentable.com/m/best-restaurants-for-foodies-in-america/.

2015 100 Best Restaurants for Foodies in America

Aatxe - San Francisco, California
Acorn - Denver, Colorado
Al's Place - San Francisco, California
Alchemy Restaurant and Bar - Ashland, Oregon
All Purpose - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
AQUAGRILL - New York, New York
Aviary - Portland, Oregon
Bar Avignon - Portland, Oregon

Beast - Portland, Oregon

Bibou - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Birch - Los Angeles, California

Blackbelly Market - Boulder, Colorado

Brewer's Table - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Castagna - Portland, Oregon

Centrolina - Washington, D.C.

Corner Table - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Crudo - Phoenix, Arizona

Cúrate - Asheville, North Carolina

Cypress - Tallahassee, Florida

D'Vine Bar - Sparkill, New York

Dirt Candy - New York, New York

Dover - Brooklyn, New York

Fat Rice - Chicago, Illinois

Fig & Olive - Washington, D.C.

Foreign & Domestic - Austin, Texas

Garland - Raleigh, North Carolina

goosefoot - Chicago, Illinois

Grove - Grand Rapids, Michigan

Heirloom - Charlotte, North Carolina

ink. - Los Angeles, California

Inovasi - Lake Bluff, Illinois

joan's in the Park - Saint Paul, Minnesota

The Kitchen - Boulder, Colorado

L'Opossum - Richmond, Virginia

La Cuchara - Baltimore, Maryland

La Fresca - Minneapolis, Minnesota

La Vara - Brooklyn, New York

Lenoir Restaurant - Austin, Texas

Local Roots - Roanoke, Virginia

Luksus - Brooklyn, New York

Maison Premiere - Brooklyn, New York

Manresa - Los Gatos, California

Marigold Kitchen - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

mfk. - Chicago, Illinois

mkt. - Seattle, Washington

Modern Love - Omaha, Nebraska

Niche - Clayton, Missouri

Noord - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Nostrano - Madison, Wisconsin

Oakhart Social - Charlottesville, Virginia

Octavia - San Francisco, California

Odd Duck - Austin, Texas

Odys and Penelope - Los Angeles, California

olea - New Haven, Connecticut

Ophelia's - Denver, Colorado

The Palace - San Francisco, California

Parachute - Chicago, Illinois

Park Kitchen - Portland, Oregon

The Peached Tortilla - Austin, Texas

Piccolo - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Playground - Santa Ana, California

the plimoth - Denver, Colorado

Pok Pok NY - Brooklyn, New York

Poppy - Seattle, Washington

The Populist - Denver, Colorado

Posh - Scottsdale, Arizona

Publico - St. Louis, Missouri

Qui Restaurant - Austin, Texas

Rebelle - New York, New York

Renata - Portland, Oregon

Republic - Detroit, Michigan

Restaurant 213 - Fruitland, Maryland

Sac-a-Lait - New Orleans, Louisiana

Saffron Restaurant & Lounge - Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Salty Sow - Austin, Texas

Santa Monica Yacht Club SMYC - Santa Monica, California

Sarma - Somerville, Massachusetts

Senti - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Shava - New Orleans, Louisiana

ShinBay - Scottsdale, Arizona

Soto - Cedar Park, Texas

Spoon and Stable - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Spur Gastropub - Seattle, Washington

Square Root - New Orleans, Louisiana

Tallulah's - Seattle, Washington

TETE Charcuterie - Chicago, Illinois

Toutant - Buffalo, New York

Townsman - Boston, Massachusetts

The Trattoria - Saint James, New York

Tray Kitchen - Seattle, Washington

Uchi - Austin, Texas

Uchi - Dallas, Texas

Uptown Billiards Club - Portland, Oregon

Valette - Healdsburg, California

Vedge - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Veritas Tavern - Delaware, Ohio

Vinateria - New York, New York

Will BYOB - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Woods Hill Table - Concord, Massachusetts

ZZest Market & Café - Rochester, Minnesota

Diners can also read more about the 100 Best Restaurants for Foodies in America by visiting the OpenTable blog.

About OpenTable Restaurant Reviews

Originally launched in November 2008, the OpenTable Reviews program helps diners find restaurants that best fit their dining occasions. Diners who recently honored an OpenTable reservation are invited via email to submit restaurant feedback using an online form. Visitors to OpenTable can access reviews for thousands of OpenTable restaurant partners across the United States, Canada, Germany and the UK. The OpenTable Reviews program has generated more than 30 million restaurant reviews by verified diners, establishing OpenTable as one of the largest and most trusted sources for restaurant reviews.

About OpenTable

OpenTable, part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), is the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations, seating more than 16 million diners per month via online bookings across more than 32,000 restaurants. The OpenTable network connects restaurants and diners, helping diners discover and book the perfect table and helping restaurants deliver personalized hospitality to keep guests coming back. The OpenTable service enables diners to see which restaurants have available tables, select a restaurant based on verified diner reviews, menus, and other helpful information, and easily book a reservation. In addition to the company's website and mobile apps, OpenTable powers online reservations for nearly 600 partners, including many of the Internet's most popular global and local brands. For restaurants, the OpenTable hospitality solutions enable them to manage their reservation book, streamline their operations, and enhance their service levels. Since its inception in 1998, OpenTable has seated more than 830 million diners around the world. The Company is headquartered in San Francisco, California, and the OpenTable service is available throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Germany, Japan, Mexico, and the UK.

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