

# **OpenTable Diner Reviews Reveal Top 100 Fit for Foodies Restaurants**

# Bay Area Takes Top Honors, Followed Closely by Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Portland and Seattle

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- As the height of harvest season draws near, <u>OpenTable</u> (NASDAQ: OPEN), a leading provider of free, real-time online restaurant reservations for diners and reservation and guest management solutions for restaurants, is pleased to announce the 2012 Diners' Choice Award winners for the <u>Top 100 Fit for Foodies Restaurants</u> in the United States. These awards reflect the combined opinions of more than 5 million reviews submitted by <u>verified OpenTable</u> <u>diners</u> for more than 15,000 restaurants in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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The list of winners, which includes Beast in Portland, Cochon in New Orleans, and Gwynnett St. in Brooklyn, spans 17 states and Washington, D.C. With regard to metropolitan areas, the San Francisco Bay Area has the greatest number of winners with 17, followed by Chicago with 13 winners. Oregon's Portland and Seattle each boast 11 winning restaurants, and Los Angeles and Philadelphia have 10 apiece. Six standouts hail from New York City, trailed by Atlanta with four honorees, Cambridge, Mass. and Minneapolis with three each, and Denver and Portland, Maine, with two. Other winning restaurants are located in Forestville, Calif., Houston, New Orleans, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Scottsdale, Tampa, Washington, D.C. and Yountville, Calif. While a large share of the award-winning restaurants serve contemporary American fare, an array of cuisines are represented, including Cajun, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin American, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Thai, vegetarian, and Vietnamese.

"Foodies are connoisseurs of every cuisine, seeking authenticity and excellence in every bite, whether they're eating Southern poutine at Abattoir in Atlanta, a smoked sardine at Camino in Oakland, jalapeno hush puppies at New York's Dirt Candy, or pork belly sliders at Spur in Seattle," said Caroline Potter, OpenTable's Chief Dining Officer. "The winning restaurants are all very ingredient-focused, serving the cream of each season's crop using inspired techniques to the delight of even the most discerning diners' appetites."

The Diners' Choice Awards for the Top 100 Fit for Foodies Restaurants are generated from more than 5 million reviews collected from <u>verified OpenTable diners</u> between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2012. All restaurants with a minimum number of qualifying reviews were included for consideration. Restaurants were then scored and sorted according to the percentage of qualifying reviews for which "fit for foodies" was selected as a special feature.

Based on this methodology, the following restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, comprise the Top 100 Fit for Foodies Restaurants in the U.S. according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at <a href="http://www.opentable.com/foodies">http://www.opentable.com/foodies</a>.

## 2012 Diners' Choice Award Winners for the Top 100 Fit for Foodies Restaurants in the U.S.

- Abattoir Atlanta, Georgia
- Acadia Chicago, Illinois
- Ad Hoc Yountville, California
- Altura Seattle, Washington
- Annisa New York, New York
- Atelier Crenn San Francisco, California
- Aviary Portland, Oregon
- Beast Portland, Oregon

- Benu San Francisco, California
- Bibou Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Blackbird Chicago, Illinois
- Bresca Portland, Oregon
- The Bristol Chicago, Illinois
- Camino Oakland, California
- Canteen San Francisco, California
- Cascina Spinasse Seattle, Washington
- Castagna Portland, Oregon
- Central Kitchen San Francisco, California
- Cochon New Orleans, Louisiana
- Commis Oakland, California
- Commonwealth San Francisco, California
- Cotogna San Francisco, California
- Craigie on Main Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Cube Café and Marketplace Los Angeles, California
- Dirt Candy New York, New York
- East By Northeast Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Ela Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Eola Washington, D.C.
- The Farm and Fisherman Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Farmhouse Inn & Restaurant Forestville, California
- FIG Charleston, South Carolina
- Flour + Water San Francisco, California
- Fond Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Forage Salt Lake City, Utah
- Frances San Francisco, California
- Girl & the Goat Chicago, Illinois
- Golden Beetle Seattle, Washington
- goosefoot Chicago, Illinois

Graham Elliot — Chicago, Illinois

- <u>Gruner</u> Portland, Oregon
- <u>Gwynnett St.</u> Brooklyn, New York
- Haven Oakland, California
- How To Cook a Wolf Seattle, Washington
- Hugo's Restaurant Portland, Maine
- Hungry Mother Cambridge, Massachusetts
- iNG Restaurant Chicago, Illinois
- ink. Los Angeles, California
- Kin Shop New York, New York
- Le Pigeon Portland, Oregon
- Little Bird Portland, Oregon
- Little Fish Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Local Mission Eatery San Francisco, California
- Lula Café Chicago, Illinois
- Mezze Los Angeles, California
- Miller Union Atlanta, Georgia
- Mistral Kitchen Seattle, Washington
- Moto Chicago, Illinois
- Natural Selection Portland, Oregon
- Ned Ludd Portland, Oregon
- Nobuo at Teeter House Phoenix, Arizona
- Park Kitchen Portland, Oregon
- Piccolo Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Ping Portland, Oregon
- Playa Los Angeles, California
- Plum Oakland, California
- Poppy Seattle, Washington
- Posh Scottsdale, Arizona
- The Publican Chicago, Illinois

- Range San Francisco, California
- Red Medicine Beverly Hills, California
- The Refinery Tampa, Florida
- Restaurant Alma Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Restaurant Zoe Seattle, Washington
- Russet Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Rustic Canyon Wine Bar Santa Monica, California
- Saffron Restaurant & Lounge Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Saison San Francisco, California
- Sbraga Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Sons & Daughters San Francisco, California
- Soto New York, New York
- The Spence Atlanta, Georgia
- SPQR San Francisco, California
- Sprout Chicago, Illinois
- Spur Gastropub Seattle, Washington
- The Squeaky Bean Denver, Colorado
- Staple & Fancy Mercantile Seattle, Washington
- Susan Feniger's STREET Los Angeles, California
- Tabla Mediterranean Bistro Portland, Oregon
- Takashi Chicago, Illinois
- Tar & Roses Santa Monica, California
- Terra Plata Seattle, Washington
- Tilth Seattle, Washington
- Topolobampo Chicago, Illinois
- Twelve Restaurant Denver, Colorado
- Underbelly Houston, Texas
- Vedge Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Vernick Food & Drink Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- wd-50 New York, New York

## Zahav — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Diners can also read more about the Diners' Choice Awards for the Top 100 Fit for Foodies Restaurants in the U.S. by visiting OpenTable Chief Dining Officer Caroline Potter's "Dining Check" blog.

#### About OpenTable Reviews

Originally launched in November 2008, the <u>OpenTable Reviews program</u> 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 and the United Kingdom. The OpenTable Reviews program has generated more than 15 million reviews by verified diners, establishing <u>OpenTable</u> as one of the largest and most trusted sources for restaurant reviews.

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