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Table for one: OpenTable Reveals Solo Dining Reservations in Canada Grow by 85 per cent

OpenTable also unveils the Top 25 Restaurants for Solo Dining in Canada

TORONTO, Nov. 7, 2017 /CNW/ -- An analysis by OpenTable, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations and part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), reveals that reservations for parties of one have grown nationally by 85 per cent since 2015.



OpenTable findings indicate the stigma surrounding dining solo may be starting to lift and that consumers are eager to savour special culinary experiences alone. Data shows the majority of solo dining reservations are booked for dinner (43 per cent) followed by lunch (30 per cent). Canadian solo diners also book the majority of their tables Monday to Friday (78 per cent), saving the weekends for dining with others.

"This increase in the number of reservations made for one illustrates shifting attitudes in Canadian dining culture," said Ziv Schierau, Head of National Accounts for OpenTable Canada. "Instead of opting for takeout or room service, Canadians are embracing solo dining and the opportunity to unwind and enjoy a unique meal at their own pace."

In celebration of solo diners and the restaurants that welcome them, OpenTable has also released the Top 25 Restaurants for Solo Dining in Canada. The list was generated based on the restaurants most booked for tables of one and the "overall" star-ratings associated with reviews submitted by verified diners. Based on this methodology, the Top 25 Restaurants for Solo Dining in Canada according to OpenTable diners are as follows (in alphabetical order):

2017 Top 25 Restaurants for Solo Dining in Canada

<u>529 Wellington</u> - Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Bison Restaurant - Banff, Alberta

Bonaparte - Montréal, Québec

BOSK at Shangri-La Hotel - Toronto, Ontario

Bow Valley Grill - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel - Banff, Alberta

Bruce Wine Bar - Thornbury, Ontario

Byblos - Toronto, Ontario

Damas - Montréal, Québec

Earth to Table: Bread Bar - Guelph, Ontario

Gyoza Bar - Vancouver, British Columbia

Jacobs & Co. Steakhouse - Toronto, Ontario

<u>LaVinia</u> - Toronto, Ontario

Le Filet - Montréal, Québec

<u>Library Bar - Fairmont Royal York</u> - Toronto, Ontario

The Marc - Edmonton, Alberta

The Merchant Tavern - St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

Mettawas Station Mediterranean - Kingsville, Ontario

Miijidaa Cafe + Bistro - Guelph, Ontario

Miku Restaurant - Toronto - Toronto, Ontario

Miku Restaurant - Vancouver - Vancouver, British Columbia

ONE Restaurant - Toronto, Ontario

Restaurant Le Continental - Québec City, Québec

Richmond Station - Toronto, Ontario

Scaramouche Pasta Bar - Toronto, Ontario

About OpenTable Restaurant Reviews:

Originally launched in November 2008, the OpenTable Reviews program helps diners find restaurants that best fit their dining occasions. Only diners who recently honoured an OpenTable reservation are invited to submit restaurant reviews. Visitors to OpenTable can access reviews for thousands of OpenTable restaurant partners across the United States, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Japan and the UK. The OpenTable Reviews program has generated more than 40 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 23 million diners per month via online reservations across more than 43,000 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 over 1.4 billion diners around the world and more than 54 million in Canada via online reservations. OpenTable is headquartered in San Francisco and has bookable restaurants in more than 20 countries, including Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and the United States. Restaurants are available for reservations in Dutch, English, French, German, Japanese and Spanish languages.

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