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OpenTable Restaurant Reviews Reveal Top 100 Dining Hot Spots in America

Winning Restaurants Span 21 States, with California, New York, Florida, Illinois, Texas, Georgia, and Nevada Claiming Greatest Number of Hot Spots

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- As we bid adieu to the polar vortex, we look forward to warm spring weather and a hot dining scene, OpenTable (NASDAQ: OPEN), the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations, is pleased to honor the 2014 Diners Choice Award winners for the Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America. These awards reflect the combined opinions of more than 5 million restaurant reviews submitted by verified OpenTable diners for approximately 19,000 restaurants in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.



Showcasing restaurants with sophisticated chefs and a fashionable clientele, the complete list features award winners in 21 states and includes ABC Cocina in New York, ink. in Los Angeles, and RPM Italian in Chicago. California boasts the greatest number of winning restaurants with 21, followed by New York with 16, and Florida with 14. Illinois and Texas have eight and six, respectively. Georgia and Nevada both have five winning restaurants. Massachusetts, Ohio, and Pennsylvania claim three winners apiece, while Colorado, Louisiana, Michigan, North Carolina, and Tennessee have two. Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon, and South Carolina are represented as well. International cuisines reign supreme at these hot spots, with winning restaurants serving Asian, Caribbean, Latin, Mediterranean, Mexican, and Peruvian fare, among others. Pizza, sushi, and tapas are also popular.

"Atmospheres of energy and delight greet diners the moment they step inside any of this year's award-winning restaurants," said Caroline Potter, OpenTable Chief Dining Officer. "Specializing in engaging hospitality, mouthwatering dishes in which every bite excites, and drinks to captivate cocktail enthusiasts, each honoree is a destination for outstanding dining adventures."

The Diners' Choice Awards for the Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America are generated from more than 5 million restaurant reviews collected from verified OpenTable diners between March 1, 2013, and February 28, 2014. All restaurants with a minimum 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 "hot spot" category along with a minimum "overall" rating.

Based on this methodology, the following restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, comprise the Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at http://www.opentable.com/m/hottest-restaurants-in-america/?.

2014 Diners' Choice Award Winners for the Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America

5Church - Charlotte, North Carolina
ABC Cocina - New York, New York
Acabar - Hollywood, California
Acorn - Denver, Colorado
Andrea's - Las Vegas, Nevada
Aventura - Ann Arbor, Michigan
B.B. King's Blues Club - Memphis. Tennessee

Baku - Charlotte, North Carolina

Baoli Miami - Miami Beach, Florida

The Bazaar by Jose Andres - Los Angeles, California

The Bazaar by Jose Andres at SLS Hotel South Beach - Miami Beach, Florida

Beauty and Essex - New York, New York

Bestia - Los Angeles, California

BOA Steakhouse - West Hollywood, California

Buccan - Palm Beach, Florida

Buddakan - New York, New York

Butcher and The Rye - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Cafe Fresco-Center City - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Cafe Martorano - Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Campo - Reno, Nevada

Catch - New York, New York

Charlie Bird - New York, New York

Chino Latino - Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Church Key - West Hollywood, California

Cleo-SBE - Los Angeles, California

Cucina Enoteca - Del Mar, California

Del Frisco's Grille - Fort Worth, Texas

Del Frisco's Grille - Houston, Texas

Departure Restaurant and Lounge - Portland, Oregon

do Restaurant at the View - Atlanta, Georgia

Dragonfly at Hotel ZaZa - Dallas, Texas

El Vez - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Empire - Boston, Massachusetts

FT33 - Dallas, Texas

Gas Monkey Bar N' Grill - Dallas, Texas

Girl & the Goat - Chicago, Illinois

Gjelina - Venice, California

Hakkasan - Beverly Hills, California

Hakkasan - Las Vegas, Nevada

Hobnob Kitchen and Bar - Naples, Florida

ink. - Los Angeles, California

The Inn at Pound Ridge by Jean-Georges - Pound Ridge, New York

Juvia - Miami, Florida

Katana - West Hollywood, California

Katsuya-Hollywood-SBE - Los Angeles, California

Katsuya at SLS Hotel South Beach - Miami Beach, Florida

KaZe - Cincinnati, Ohio

KD's Southern Cuisine - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

La Esquina - New York, New York

The Lark - Santa Barbara, California

Laurel Hardware - Los Angeles, California

Lavo - New York, New York

Linger - Denver, Colorado

Lolita Cocina & Tequila Bar - Boston, Massachusetts

Manhattan Beach Post - Manhattan Beach, California

Manon - New York, New York

Mill House Brewing Company - Poughkeepsie, New York

Miss Lily's - New York, New York

MUA - Oakland, California

Nico Osteria - Chicago, Illinois

O-Ku - Charleston, South Carolina

The Pearl - Columbus, Ohio

Pitch Coal-Fire Pizzeria - Omaha, Nebraska

Prato - Winter Park, Florida

Red Ginger - Traverse City, Michigan

Red Lantern - Boston, Massachusetts

Republique - Los Angeles, California

Rocco's Tacos & Tequila Bar - Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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RPM Italian - Chicago, Illinois

S3 Restaurant - Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Savor - Dallas, Texas

Searsucker - San Diego, California

Seasalt and Pepper - Miami, Florida

Shakou Sushi - Libertyville, Illinois

Siena Tavern - Chicago, Illinois Soco - Brooklyn, New York

Sotto - Cincinnati, Ohio

St. Cecilia - Atlanta, Georgia

The Stanton Social - New York, New York

STK-Atlanta - Atlanta, Georgia

STK-Los Angeles - West Hollywood, California

STK-NYC-Meatpacking - New York, New York

STK-The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas - Las Vegas, Nevada

Sub Zero Vodka Bar - St. Louis, Missouri

Sunda - Chicago, Illinois

Sur Restaurant - West Hollywood, California

Swine Southern Table & Bar - Coral Gables, Florida

Tanta - Chicago, Illinois

Tao Downtown - New York, New York

Tao Restaurant and Nightclub - Las Vegas, Nevada

Toku Modern Asian - Manhasset, New York

The Tropicale - Palm Springs, California

Tsunami - Lafayette, Louisiana

Tsunami Shaw Center - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

TWO urban licks - Atlanta, Georgia

UMI - Atlanta, Georgia

Untitled - Chicago, Illinois

Virago - Nashville, Tennessee

YOLO - Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Diners can also read more about the Diners' Choice Awards for the Top 100 Hot Spot Restaurants in America by visiting the OpenTable "Dining Check" 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, and the UK. The OpenTable Reviews program has generated approximately 25 million restaurant reviews by verified diners, establishing OpenTable as one of the largest and most trusted sources for restaurant reviews.

About OpenTable

OpenTable is the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations, seating more than 14 million diners per month via online bookings across approximately 31,000 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 575 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. OpenTable also owns and operates toptable, the leading consumer destination site for restaurant reservations in the UK. More information is available on http://www.opentable.com.

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