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OpenTable Restaurant Reviews Reveal the Top 100 Fit for Foodies Restaurants in America

Newer Eateries Rule the List; Winning Restaurants Span 29 States with California, Oregon, and Pennsylvania Restaurants Making the Strongest Showing and the Cities of Portland and Philadelphia Boasting the Most Honorees

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- In celebration of our country's progressive food and dining culture, OpenTable, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations and part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), is pleased to honor the 2014 Diners Choice Award winners for the Top 100 Fit for Foodies Restaurants in America.

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.



"In many ways, the winning restaurants represent the future - and the fun - of food, where trends are being set," says Caroline Potter, OpenTable Chief Dining Officer. "The list features a multitude of gifted young chefs who are redefining fine dining and opening exciting establishments to serve delicious dishes that are both personal and playful."

Newer eateries rule the list, with the majority of winners opening in the last three years. More than 20 were founded in 2012 alone, while 15 launched in 2013, and six debuted as recently as 2014. Also, 14 of the honorees have women as executive chefs. American fare is overwhelmingly popular, but French and Italian restaurants are common among the honorees. Other popular cuisines include Japanese, Spanish, Middle Eastern, modern European, tapas/small plates, and vegetarian.

Showcasing restaurants with unique menus, easygoing ambience, and passionate chefs who have a "source local, cook global" approach, the complete list includes award winners in 29 states, including Aviary in Portland, Odd Duck in Austin, and Vedge in Philadelphia. California has the greatest number of winners with 14, followed closely by Oregon and Pennsylvania with 13 each. New York has eight honorees, while Colorado, Massachusetts, and Washington all have five, and Illinois has four. Minnesota, Missouri, and Texas each have three winning restaurants. Arizona, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, North Carolina, and Virginia, respectively, have two award winners. Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississispipi, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, and Wisconsin are also represented.

The Diners' Choice Awards for the Top 100 Fit for Foodies Restaurants in America are generated from more than 5 million restaurant reviews collected from verified OpenTable diners between September 1, 2013, and August 31, 2014. All restaurants with a minimum "overall" score and number of qualifying reviews were included for consideration. Qualifying 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 America according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at http://www.opentable.com/m/best-fit-for-foodies-restaurants-in-america/.

2014 Diners' Choice Award Winners for the Top 100 Fit for Foodies Restaurants in America

<u>a(MUSE.)</u> - Rehoboth Beach, Delaware <u>Acorn</u> - Denver, Colorado <u>Altura</u> - Seattle, Washington

Ava Gene's - Portland, Oregon

Aviary - Portland, Oregon

Bar Avignon - Portland, Oregon

Beast - Portland, Oregon

Bistro C.V. - Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Black Cat - Boulder, Colorado

Blue Hill at Stone Barns - Pocantico Hills, New York

Bluestem - Kansas City, Missouri

Bottega - Baltimore, Maryland

Brimmer & Heeltap - Seattle, Washington

Cascina Spinasse - Seattle, Washington

Castagna - Portland, Oregon

chi SPACCA - Los Angeles, California

Commis - Oakland, California

Community Table - New Preston, Connecticut

Corner Table - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Craigie on Main - Cambridge, Massachusetts

The Crimson Sparrow - Hudson, New York

Crudo - Phoenix, Arizona

Curate - Asheville, North Carolina

Dirt Candy - New York, New York

dish-Creative Cuisine - Palm Springs, California

django's Restaurant & Wine Bar - Crested Butte, Colorado

DOC - Portland, Oregon

The Eddy - New York, New York

edison: food+drink lab - Tampa, Florida

Elaia - St. Louis, Missouri

Extra Virgin - Kansas City, Missouri

The Farm and Fisherman - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

FIG - Charleston, South Carolina

Fond - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Forage - Salt Lake City, Utah

FT33 - Dallas, Texas

Girl & the Goat - Chicago, Illinois

Giulia Restaurant - Cambridge, Massachusetts

goosefoot - Chicago, Illinois

Gracie's - Providence, Rhode Island

Grit & Grace - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Homestead on the Roof - Chicago, Illinois

The House of William & Merry - Hockessin, Delaware

Hugo's Restaurant - Portland, Maine

The Iberian Pig - Decatur, Georgia

ink. - Los Angeles, California

Julienne - Santa Barbara, California

Juni - New York, New York

La Merenda - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Laundry - Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Laurel - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Le Pigeon - Portland, Oregon

Lenoir Restaurant - Austin, Texas

Mateo - Durham, North Carolina

Matthew Kenney's M.A.K.E. - Santa Monica, California

Mica - Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania

Mokomandy - Sterling, Virginia

n/naka - Los Angeles, California

Natural Selection - Portland, Oregon

Nobuo at Teeter House - Phoenix, Arizona

Noisette - Portland, Oregon

Odd Duck - Austin, Texas

Olympic Provisions Northwest - Portland, Oregon

Orsa & Winston - Los Angeles, California

Papilles - Los Angeles, California

Park Kitchen - Portland, Oregon

Parlor Market - Jackson, Mississippi

Piccolo - Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Pickled Heron - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Playground - Santa Ana, California

Plow & Anchor - Indianapolis, Indiana

Primo - Rockland, Maine

Recess - Indianapolis, Indiana

Red Medicine - Beverly Hills, California

Restaurant Alma - Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm - Lovettsville, Virginia

Ribelle - Brookline, Massachusetts

Roe - Portland, Oregon

Root - New Orleans, Louisiana

Roots Bistro Gourmand - West Islip, New York

Sarma - Somerville, Massachusetts

Sbraga - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Senza - Chicago, Illinois

Sons & Daughters - San Francisco, California

Spur Gastropub - Seattle, Washington

St. Francis Winery & Vineyards - Santa Rosa, California

State & Lemp - Boise, Idaho

T.W. Food - Cambridge, Massachusetts

Talula's Daily-Secret Supper Club - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Tanglewood Supreme - Seattle, Washington

TORINO - Ferndale, Michigan

Torrisi Italian Specialties - New York, New York

Townsend - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Trattoria - Saint James, New York

Union - Pasadena, California

Uptown Billiards Club - Portland, Oregon

Vedge - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Vernick Food & Drink - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Will BYOB - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Zahav - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Diners can also read more about the Diners' Choice Awards for the Top 100 Fit for Foodies 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, Germany and the UK. The OpenTable Reviews program has generated more than 25 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 15 million diners per month via online bookings across approximately 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 665 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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