

FIRST BITES BASH & CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK 2026

PROGRAM SUMMARY



CHICAGO 
RESTAURANT
WEEK

FIRST 
BITES BASH

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PROGRAM ★ SUMMARY

FIRST B!TES BASH

First Bites Bash, the official kick off event for Chicago Restaurant Week, made its iconic return to the Field Museum on Thursday, Jan. 22. This highly anticipated annual event sold out in record time, drawing over 2,000+ attendees who enjoyed a curated selection of delectable bites, one-of-a-kind beverages, and immersive experiences from our esteemed restaurants, partners, and sponsors.

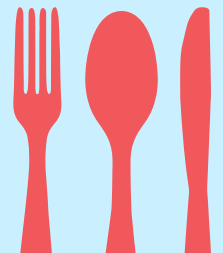
- * 77 Participating Restaurants
- * Hosted by acclaimed Chef Jonathon Sawyer of Kindling Cookout & Cocktails
- * 1,725+ Tickets Sold
- * \$10,000 Awarded to Event Beneficiaries
- * 20 Sponsor Brand Activations
- * After party at Hubbard Inn

CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK

Chicago Restaurant Week marked its 19th anniversary, continuing to provide both visitors and locals with an exciting opportunity to explore the city's vibrant and diverse dining scene. For over two weeks, participating restaurants featured exclusive prix fixe menus—\$30 for brunch and lunch, and \$45 and \$60 for dinner (excluding beverages, tax, and gratuity).

- * 552 Participating Restaurants
- * 564K+ Diners Served
- * \$22.1M in Economic Impact
- * 38 Neighborhoods
- * 105 New Participants
- * 183 Women & Minority Owned Businesses
- * 73 Suburban Restaurants

**RECORD
BREAKING
PARTICIPATION!**





FIRST ★ BITES BASH



FIRST BITES BASH

HOST CHEF AND BENEFICIARIES

First Bites Bash welcomed Chef Jonathon Sawyer of Kindling Cookout & Cocktails. Chef Sawyer proudly served as an event ambassador leading up to the event and offered delicious bites to event attendees alongside our two beneficiary organizations.

Choose Chicago, in partnership with Chef Sawyer and American Airlines, was thrilled to carry forward our annual charitable history of honoring organizations who are making an impact in the community. At the event, \$10,000 was awarded collectively to the James Beard Foundation and No Kid Hungry, each receiving \$5,000.

Thank you to our event beneficiaries: the James Beard Foundation, whose mission is to celebrate, support, and elevate the people behind America's food culture and champion a standard of good food anchored in talent, equity, and sustainability—and to No Kid Hungry, who works with food banks, schools, and other partners around the country to make sure children and families have the food they need.



Event Beneficiaries

**JAMES BEARD
FOUNDATION**



Co-Sponsor



★ FIRST BITES BASH ★ SPONSOR ACTIVATIONS

First Bites Bash sponsors used onsite activations to excite and engage guests using all five senses. These interactive opportunities provided a memorable way for brands to create meaningful connections with attendees.



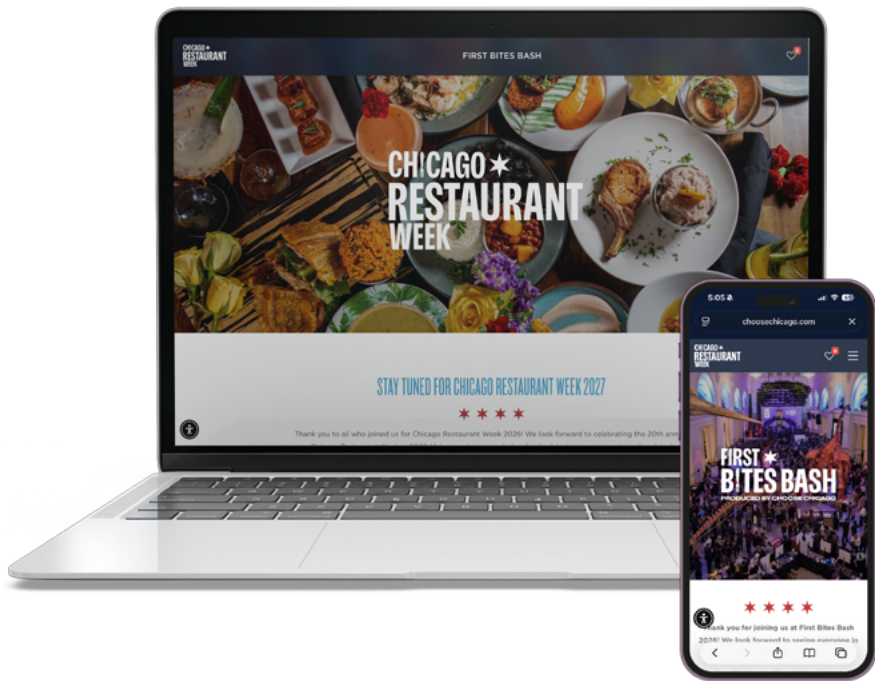


MARKETING



CONSUMER MARKETING ★ STRATEGY & RESULTS ★

A fully integrated marketing campaign was developed to encourage diners to make Chicago Restaurant Week reservations and purchase First Bites Bash tickets.



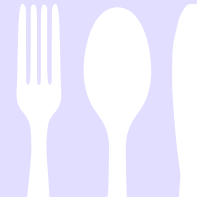
OFFICIAL RESTAURANT WEEK WEBSITE CHICAGORESTAURANTWEEK.COM

<u>TOTAL SESSIONS</u>	<u>MENU VIEWS</u>	<u>'FIND A TABLE' CLICKS</u>
1.299M	3.99M	466.9K

STRONGEST WEB ENGAGEMENT RESULTS ON RECORD!

OFFICIAL FIRST BITES BASH WEBSITE FIRSTBITESBASH.COM

TOTAL SESSIONS
48,243



CONSUMER MARKETING ★ STRATEGY & RESULTS ★



PAID ADVERTISING

TOTAL IMPRESSIONS

- * Digital Display: **3,759,961**
- * Paid Social: **3,594,325**
- * Search Engine Marketing: **14,830**



SPONSORED CONTENT

847,948 IMPRESSIONS

PRE AND MID ROLL AD READS

67,071 DOWNLOADS



BILLBOARD ADVERTISING

- * Run Dates: **JAN. 19–FEB. 2, 2026**
- * Impressions: **2,534,364**

CONSUMER MARKETING ★ STRATEGY & RESULTS ★

EMAIL & NEWSLETTER

Promotional messaging for Chicago Restaurant Week and First Bites Bash was included in custom emails and newsletters to 1,500,000+ users distributed by:

- * Choose Chicago
- * 97.1FM The Drive
- * THROWBACK 100.3FM
- * James Beard Foundation
- * 101.9FM The MIX
- * Chicago Gourmet

TEXT MESSAGE COMMUNICATIONS

There was a strategic promotion of text message signups for consumers to receive alerts throughout the FBB and CRW program:

TOTAL SUBSCRIBERS: 14,700

**SUBSCRIBER
BASE GREW 2X
YOY!**

FIRST BITES BASH TEXTS

- * 2 messages (28,163 sent)

CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK TEXTS

- * 4 messages (45,725 sent)

CHICAGO LIKE A LOCAL BLOG CONTENT

In support of our participating partners, custom content was created to feature first-time, neighborhood restaurants, and more to promote via email and social media channels.

TOTAL SESSIONS: 120,000+ SESSIONS



**CHECK OUT
THESE BLOGS!**



- * Travel the world with these international restaurants during Chicago Restaurant Week
- * Award-winning restaurants offering Chicago Restaurant Week deals
- * Women- and minority-owned favorites to try during Chicago Restaurant Week
- * New restaurants to try during Chicago Restaurant Week

CONSUMER MARKETING ★ STRATEGY & RESULTS ★

SPONSOR PROMOTION

Through our program sponsors and partners, additional marketing support for both programs was provided by:

97.1 THE DRIVE, 101.9 THE MIX, THROWBACK 100.3

- * On air promotion and giveaways
- * Social posts
- * E-newsletters
- * Homepage advertisements

JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION

- * E-newsletter
- * Social Post

HUBBARD INN HAPPY HOUR

- * Onsite ticket giveaways
- * Social posts
- * Email

OPEN TABLE

- * Emails
- * Dedicated Reservation Links



FIRST BITES BASH GIVEAWAYS

Total Impressions:

43,497

Total Engagements:

4,019

★ B2B MARKETING STRATEGY ★

Choose Chicago's robust business-to-business promotion is critical to the recruitment of participating restaurants and success of the Chicago Restaurant Week program.

REGISTRATION EFFORTS

- * Emails to Choose Chicago current, past and prospective restaurant partners
- * Targeted outreach
 - Minority and Women-owned businesses
 - Neighborhoods

INDUSTRY RECRUITMENT OUTLETS

- * Food Industry News
- * Illinois Restaurant Association
- * Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association
- * The Magnificent Mile Association
- * Chicago Loop Alliance
- * Neighborhood chambers of commerce
- * Culinary public relations agencies



SOCIAL ★ MEDIA



★ CHOOSE CHICAGO SOCIAL MEDIA ★

Organic social media campaigns ran on Instagram, Instagram Stories, Facebook, X (Twitter), TikTok and LinkedIn promoting Chicago Restaurant Week and First Bites Bash.

CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK

1,282,714

Total Impressions

26,845

Total Engagements

3,562

Link Clicks

FIRST BITES BASH

217,897

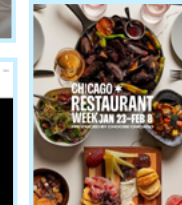
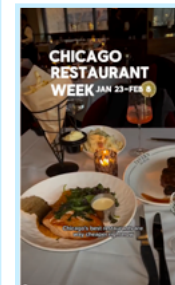
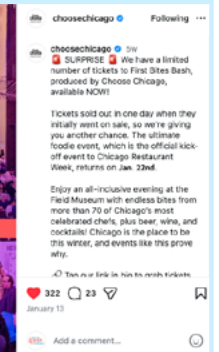
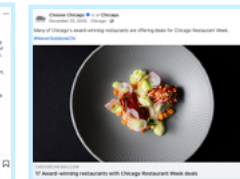
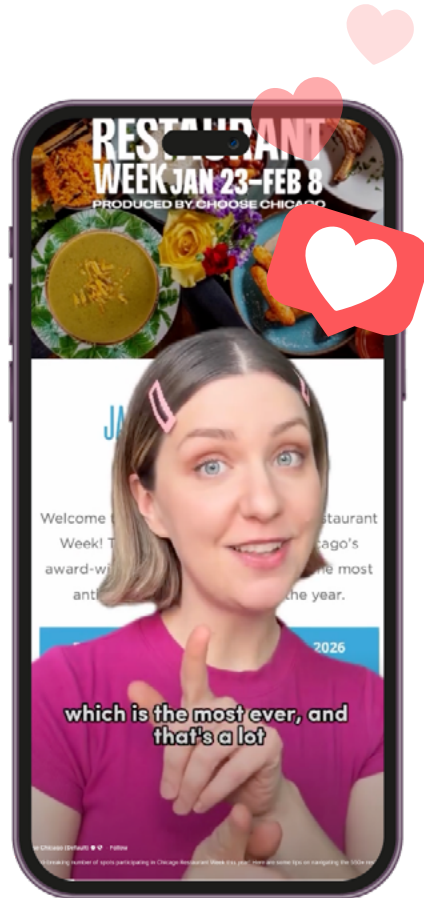
Total Impressions

9,190

Total Engagements

1,038

Link Clicks



MEDIA ★ RELATIONS



★ MEDIA RELATIONS ★

PRESS RELEASES AND MEDIA ALERTS

Press releases were distributed and pitched to local and regional news, broadcast, travel, food, and lifestyle media and influencers:

[12/3/2025: Choose Chicago’s First Bites Bash returns January 22 Tickets on sale now!](#)

[12/10/2025: Choose Chicago reveals Chicago Restaurant Week 2026 participating restaurants](#)

TOTAL EARNED MEDIA VALUE

\$158.6M

1,359

Total Media Placements

17.1B

Total Reach

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Choose Chicago Media Relations pitched and confirmed local media interviews before and during First Bites Bash and Chicago Restaurant Week to promote the event.

BROADCAST

TOTAL BROADCAST MENTIONS AND/OR SEGMENTS: 277

TOTAL VIEWER REACH: 10.6M



- ★ 9 segments on WFLD-TV (FOX 32 Chicago)
- ★ 8 live chef demos and culinary segments on WGN-TV
- ★ 4 segments on WMAQ-TV (NBC 5 Chicago)
- ★ 4 segments on WLS-TV (ABC 7 Chicago)
- ★ 1 full morning live remote from three different neighborhood restaurants on WBBM-TV (CBS 2 Chicago)
- ★ 1 segment on Telemundo Chicago
- ★ 7 segments on WBBM-AM Newsradio 780
- ★ 2 segments on WGN-AM Radio 720
- ★ 1 segment on WLS-AM radio
- ★ Camera crew presence from most major television networks at First Bites Bash
- ★ Coverage sweeps on all local television affiliates: CBS, ABC, NBC, FOX, WFLD-TV, Univision

★ MEDIA COVERAGE ★

Time Out CHICAGO EXPLORE CITIES TIME OUT MARKETS

NEWS THINGS TO DO FOOD & DRINK CULTURE TRAVEL KIDS ATTRACTIONS MUSEUMS HOTELS

News

The 2026 Chicago Restaurant Week lineup is here, with a record number of participants

More than 500 restaurants in dozens of neighborhoods will offer specially-curated menus at a great price.

Written by Gerrish Lopez
Time Out Contributor, US
Friday December 12 2025

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Local News Live Shows CBS NEWS

News Weather Sports Video

LIVE **JUMPSTART**

CBS NEWS CHICAGO **CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK**
RIVER NORTH

6:58 AM ROUND LAKE 26° 30° 35° 25° 33° 44° 41°

A look inside Chicago Restaurant Week
Jacob Kozick takes a look inside Chicago Restaurant Week to jumpstart your day.
Feb 4, 2026

FOX 32 Live News Weather Good Day Sports Contests Email More

LIVE

GOOD DAY CHICAGO **CHEF JENNER TOMASKA**
CO-OWNER AND EXECUTIVE CHEF, ESME & PETITE EDITH

8:08 AM 12°

A Michelin-star experience at a friendlier price during Chicago Restaurant Week

Chef Jenner Tomaska of Esme and Petite Edith joins us to share what makes their Chicago Restaurant Week menu special, the art-driven ambiance, Esme, and how diners can enjoy elevated cuisine at a more accessible price.

EYEWITNESS NEWS 24/7 Live Chicago & Suburban Cook Co. North Suburbs West Suburbs South Suburbs

FOOD & DRINK

Chicago Restaurant Week spotlights Tanta Cocina Peruana

By ABC7 Chicago Digital Team
Monday, February 2, 2026

f x o n e

CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK **TANTA IN RIVER NORTH**

WGN 9 Listen Weekday Weekend Podcasts News Sports Jobs

BOB SIROTT

Extremely Local News: What locals recommend for Chicago Restaurant Week

by Hankley Bond
Posted: Jan 26, 2026 / 11:16 AM CST
Updated: Jan 26, 2026 / 11:16 AM CST

SHARE f o x n e

[Jen Sabella](#), the Director of Strategy and co-founder of [Block Club Chicago](#), joins Bob Sirott to share the latest Chicago neighborhood stories. She provides details on:

- [The Best Chicago Restaurant Week Deals Of 2026, Listed By Locals](#): Influencer Paige Serena's spreadsheet of the best and worst dining values has become a go-to resource for many foodies. Redditors Vinay Mikkilineni and Matthew Truong crowdsourced their own versions.
- [St. Stanislaus Kostka Academy To Close In Wicker Park After More Than 150 Years](#): The Catholic elementary school has been open since 1874. The parish's pastor cited plummeting enrollment and

INFATUATION Search: Date Night

Chicago NEIGHBORHOODS PERFECT FOR CUISINES GUIDES REVIEWS CHANGE CITY

CHICAGO / GUIDES / THE 25 BEST DEALS FOR CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK

FILTER

The 25 Best Deals For Chicago Restaurant Week

Here's where to make reservations before the deals end on February 8th. SAVE



★ MEDIA RELATIONS ★

MEDIA AND INFLUENCERS AT FIRST BITES BASH



27
ATTENDEES
(+GUESTS)

INCLUDING:
7 LOCAL BROADCAST AFFILIATES

MEDIA AND INFLUENCER PREVIEW MEALS

Choose Chicago Media Relations hosted local media and influencers for preview meals before Chicago Restaurant Week kicked off, as well as during CRW, to promote the week before and during.



91
PREVIEW
DINNERS

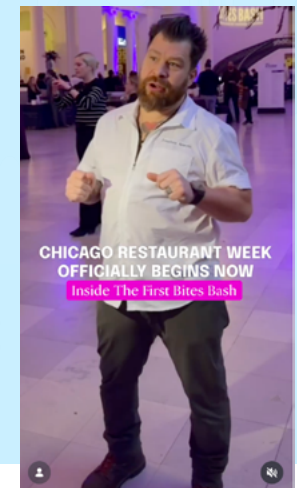
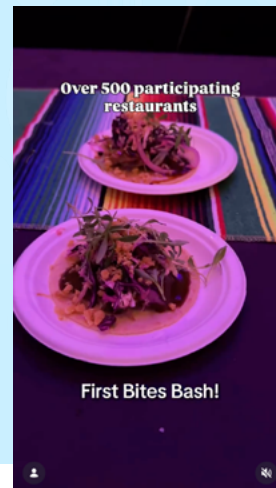
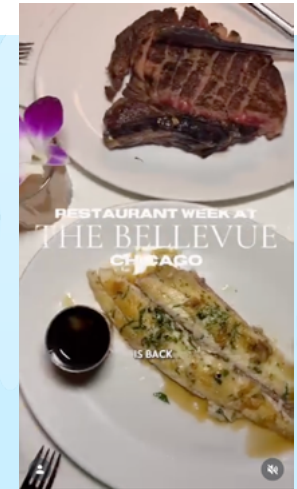
HOSTING:
86 MEDIA AND INFLUENCERS

SOCIAL MEDIA METRICS

761
TOTAL MEDIA
POSTED
(IN-FEED AND STORIES)

4.8M
TOTAL REACH
(INCLUDES IN-FEED
POSTS ONLY)

6.2M
TOTAL
IMPRESSIONS
(INCLUDES IN-FEED
POSTS ONLY)

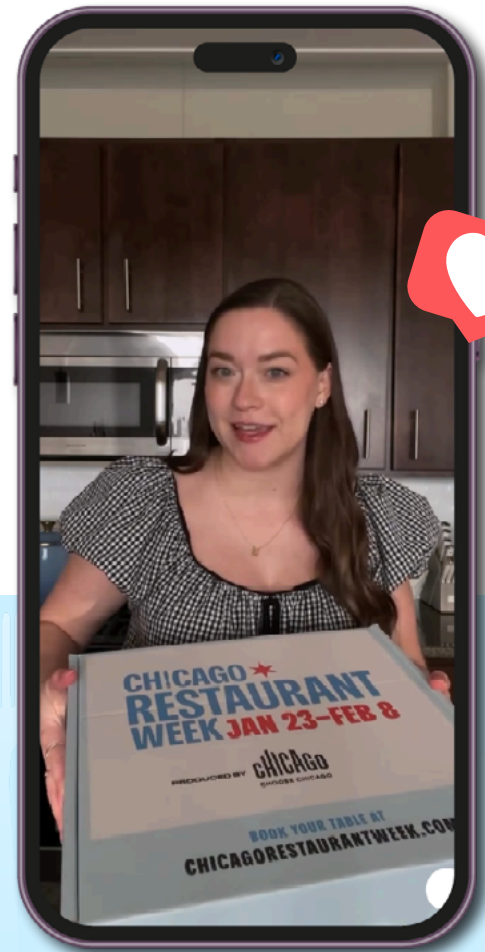



★ MEDIA RELATIONS ★

MEDIA AND INFLUENCER PREVIEW BOXES

Choose Chicago distributed Chicago Restaurant Week themed swag boxes to local media and influencers in an effort to promote the week. The CRW preview boxes included an overview of the 2026 Chicago Restaurant Week program details, the CRW 2026 handle and hashtag, in addition to products donated by 21 CRW partners such as Moody Tongue, Gene & Georgetti, Cafe Con Leche, Smoke Daddy, and many more

77 PREVIEW BOXES SENT



PARTICIPATING 
 RESTAURANTS



★ 2026 CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK PARTICIPANTS ★

14 Parish Restaurant & Rhum Bar
 90th Meridian
 a tavola restaurant
 Aba
 About Last Knife (ALK)
 Aboyer
 Acanto Restaurant + Wine Bar
 Adalina
 Adalina Prime
 Adorn Bar & Restaurant
 After
 Akiro Handroll Bar
 All Star Seafood & Sports
 Alla Vita
 Alpana
 Amaru
 Ambar Chicago
 Andros Taverna
 Anelya
 Antico Posto
 Apolonia Chicago
 Artango Bar & Steakhouse
 Asador Bastian
 Athena Restaurant
 Atwood
 Augie's Chicago
 Avec River North
 Avec West Loop
 Avli on The Park
 Avli River North
 Avli Taverna Restaurant
 Azul
 Bally's Chicago Casino
 Bandit
 Bandol Brasserie
 Bar Goa
 Bar La Rue
 Bar Mar
 Bar Parisette
 Bar Siena - West Loop
 Bar Siena North Shore
 Bar Sotano
 Bar Tabu
 Bar Tutto
 Barcocina - Lakeview
 Barcocina - West Town
 BARDAVID

Barrio
 Basant Modern Indian
 Bazaar Meat
 Beatnik on the River
 Beatnik West Town
 Beatrix - Fulton Market
 Beatrix - Loop
 Beatrix - Oak Brook
 Beatrix - River North
 Beatrix - Streeterville
 Benihana Chicago
 Benihana Lombard
 Benihana Schaumburg
 Benihana Wheeling
 Berghoff Restaurant
 Bernard's
 Big Jones
 Big Star Wicker Park
 Big Star Wrigleyville
 Bistro Campagne
 Bistro Monadnock
 bistronomic
 BITES Asian Kitchen + Bar
 Bixi Brewery
 Bloom Plant Based Kitchen
 Blue Door Farm Stand
 Blue Door Kitchen & Garden
 BLVD Steakhouse
 Bocaditos Chicago
 BOKA Restaurant
 Boleo
 Boqueria
 Brasero
 Brass Tack
 Briny Swine Smokehouse & Oyster Bar
 Bronzeville Soul
 Bronzeville Winery
 Bruna's Ristorante
 Bub City
 Buona Terra
 Burger Bar Chicago South Loop
 Butcher & The Bear
 Butterfly Sushi Bar & Thai Cuisine
 Cabra
 Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba!
 Cafe Bionda
 Cafe Con Leche

Cafe Robey
 Cafe Yaya
 Carmine's Chicago
 Carnivale
 Casa Chi by Chef Richard Sandoval
 CDA
 Cebu Chicago
 Cedar Palace
 Celeste
 Cesar's Killer Margaritas
 Chapel Street Cafe and Restaurant
 Charlie Martin's
 Charoen Krung by Sathorn
 Chef Art Smith's Reunion
 Chemistry Chicago
 CheSa's Bistro & Bar
 Chez Joel Bistro
 Chicago Chop Shop
 Chicago Curry House (Indian & Napali Restaurant)
 Chicago Oyster House
 Chicago q
 Cima
 Cindy's
 Cira
 City Cruises Chicago
 City Winery Chicago
 Coa at the Drake Drake. OakBrook
 Cobblestone Cafe & Bistro
 Coco Pazzo
 Coda di Volpe
 Coquette
 Costera Cocina Tulum
 Crosby's Kitchen - Niles
 Crosby's Kitchen - Southport
 Cruz Blanca
 Daisies
 Dawn
 Deliz
 Dell Rooster
 Demera Ethiopian Restaurant
 DeNucci
 DeNucci's Highland Park
 Devon Seafood + Steak
 Di Pescara
 Dicey's Pizza & Tavern
 Diego
 DixiePura Kitchen

DJ's Great Room
 Dolce Ville
 Double Clutch Brewing Company
 Dove's Luncheonette
 Drawing Room
 Drew's on Halsted
 Duck Duck Goat
 Eatly La Pizza & La Pasta
 Eddie V's Prime Seafood
 eden
 El Mariachi Tequila Bar & Grill
 El Nuevo Mexicano Restaurant
 El Tapeo Oak Brook
 Ella Elli
 Ema
 Ema - Glenview
 Emerald Loop Bar & Grill
 Esmé
 Expat
 Farm Bar Lakeview
 Farm Bar Ravenswood
 Fat Rosies
 Fatpour Tap Works Wicker Park
 Figo Wine Bar
 Fioretta
 FireLake Grill House and Cocktail Bar
 Fiya
 Floriole Cafe & Bakery
 Fora
 Formento's
 Francesca's on Chestnut
 Frasca | Pizzeria + Wine Bar
 Friends Ramen
 Friends Sushi Izakaya
 Friends Sushi on Rush
 Frontera Grill
 Frontier
 Gaijin
 Galit
 Gaylord India Restaurant
 Geja's Café
 Gemini
 Gene & Georgetti
 Giant
 Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse - Chicago
 Gilt Bar Chicago
 Giostra by Fabio Viviani

Girl & the Goat
 Good Funk West Town
 Gordon Ramsay Burger
 Grant Park Bistro
 Greek Islands Restaurant
 Greek Islands Restaurant
 Green Tea Japanese Restaurant
 Grill on 21
 Guildhall
 Guinness Open Gate Brewery
 Gussie's Handmade Italian
 HaiSous Vietnamese Kitchen
 Half Acre Beer Co
 Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse, River North
 Hawkmoor Chicago
 HIDE+SEEK
 Honey Butter Fried Chicken
 Hopsmith Tavern
 Hubbard Inn
 Ikigai Sushi & Izakaya
 il Carciofo
 Il Culaccino
 Il Girasole Trattoria
 IL MILANESE
 IL Mio
 Il Porcellino
 Ina Mae Tavern
 India House Restaurant
 Industry Ales Brewpub
 Istmo Oaxacan Cuisine
 Ithaki Estiatorio
 Itoko
 J. Parker
 Jackman & Co.
 Jilly's Cafe
 Jōtō Sushi
 Kama
 Kama Bistro
 Kama Bistro – West Loop
 Kamehachi
 Kayao
 Kie-gol-lanee - Uptown
 Kie-Gol-Lanee Logan Square
 Kindling
 King Crab House
 Kinzie Chophouse
 KIREI
 Kit Kat Club
 Kitty O'Sheas at the Hilton Chicago
 Kizami Sushi
 Kona Grill
 Konbini & Kanpai Wrigleyville

Kraken Sushi & Beyond
 Kyuramen
 L. Woods Tap & Pine Lodge
 La Bella Trattoria
 La Dolce Vita Cucina
 La Grande Boucherie Chicago
 La Josie
 La Licor Panamericana
 La Luna Pilsen
 La Lunita
 La Serre
 La Storia
 Labriola Chicago
 Land & Lake Kitchen
 Lardon
 Las Tablas on Irving
 Laurel
 Le Sud Mediterranean Kitchen
 Legal Sea Foods
 Leiya
 Lena Brava
 LIA TAVERN
 Lil' Ba-Ba-Reeba!
 Lior's Cafe
 Lirica
 Little Madrid Tapas Cafe-Chicago
 Lockwood Restaurant & Bar
 Longman & Eagle
 Lou Malnati's Pizzeria Chicago- River North
 Lou Malnati's Pizzeria Chicago- South Loop
 Lou Malnati's Pizzeria - Michigan Avenue
 Lou Malnati's Pizzeria - West Loop
 Lou Malnati's Pizzeria Chicago - Gold Coast
 Lucca Osteria & Bar
 Luella's Southern Kitchen
 Lula Cafe
 Lure Fishbar
 Luxbar
 Lyra
 Macello Cucina di Puglia
 Mahari
 Mama Delia
 Maman Zari
 Mano a Mano
 Marinas Bistro & Rum Bar
 Mariscos San Pedro
 Marisol
 Mastro's Steakhouse
 Matilda
 Matisse Tavern and Grill
 Maxwells Trading
 McCormick & Schmick's - Chicago

McCormick & Schmick's - Rosemont
 MEDI
 Mei's
 Mercadito Chicago
 Mercat A La Planxa
 mfk. Restaurant
 Mia Francesca
 Mia Francesca
 Michael Jordan's Steak House
 Midland Social Club
 Millennium Hall
 Mima's Taste of Cuba
 Minyoli
 Mirabella Italian Cuisine
 Miru
 Mister Tiger
 Mole Village Restaurant
 Momento Cantina & Taqueria
 Momotaro
 Mon Ami Gabi Lincoln Park
 Monarch & Lion
 Monteverde
 Moody Tongue Brewing Company
 Moon Star Kitchen & Bar
 Morton's The Steakhouse - Chicago (Wacker Place)
 Morton's The Steakhouse - Northbrook
 Morton's The Steakhouse - Rosemont
 Morton's The Steakhouse - Schaumburg
 Morton's The Steakhouse Naperville
 MuanJai Thai Kitchen
 Nadu
 Nafsi South Shore Beach
 Nancy's Pizzeria - West Loop
 Nando's PERI-PERi - Clybourn
 Nando's PERI-PERi - Hyde Park
 Nando's PERI-PERi – Lakeview
 Nando's PERI-PERi - Loop Wabash
 Nando's PERI-PERi - Michigan Ave
 Nando's PERI-PERi - Naperville
 Nando's PERI-PERi - Oak Brook
 Nando's PERI-PERi - Oak Park
 Nando's PERI-PERi - Old Orchard
 Nando's PERI-PERi - South Loop
 Nando's PERI-PERi - Streeterville
 Nando's PERI-PERi - West Loop
 Napolita Pizzeria & Wine Bar - Northbrook
 Napolita Pizzeria & Wine Bar - Wilmette
 Nettare
 Nia
 Nic + Junior's
 Nisos Prime
 NoMI

Nonnina
 Nora Restaurant
 Nori Sushi Chicago
 Norman's Bistro
 Ocean Prime
 Oceanique Restaurant
 Oda Mediterranean Cuisine
 Offshore Rooftop
 Old Pueblo Cantina
 Olio e Più
 Omakase Box
 Omakase Shoji & Izakaya
 Orso's Restaurant
 Osteria Del Pastaio
 Osteria Via Stato
 Ox Bar & Hearth
 Parachute-HiFi
 Pasta Veneta
 PERILLA fare
 PERILLA steakhouse
 Perry's Steakhouse & Grille - Oak Brook
 Perry's Steakhouse & Grille - Schaumburg
 Perry's Steakhouse & Grille - Vernon Hills
 Pescadero Seafood & Oyster Bar
 Petit Pomeroy
 Petite Edith
 Petite Vie
 Petterino's
 Piccolo Sogno
 Pizzeria Portofino
 Polombia
 Pomeroy
 Pompette
 Port and Park Bistro and Bar
 Porter Kitchen & Deck
 POSTO 31
 Pour Destino
 Prime Bar
 PROSECCO
 Publican Quality Meats
 Qiao Lin Hotpot - Chinatown
 Qiao Lin Hotpot - Streeterville
 Quartino Ristorante & Wine Bar
 Ramsay's Kitchen
 Recess
 Remington's
 Rendang Republic
 Riccardo Enoteca
 Riccardo Trattoria
 River North Bistro
 River Roast
 Roanoke Restaurant

Roberts Pizza and Dough Company
 Roka Akor - Old Orchard
 Roka Akor | Oakbrook
 Roka Akor Steak & Sushi
 ROOP Chicago
 Rose Mary
 Rosebud on Rush
 Rosebud Steakhouse
 RPM Italian
 RPM Seafood
 RPM Steak
 Ruth's Chris Steak House
 Ruth's Chris Steak House - South Barrington
 Saba Italian Bar + Kitchen
 Saigon Sisters
 Saponi Trattoria
 Seasons 52 - Oak Brook
 Seasons 52 - Orland Park
 Seasons 52 - Schaumburg
 Segnatore
 Senoritas Cantina On Dearborn
 Seville
 Shaw's Crab House
 Shaw's Crab House - Schaumburg
 Shine
 Siena Tavern
 SIFR
 Signature Steak
 Smoke Daddy - Wrigleyville
 Sofi Italian
 Solette
 Somerset
 Sophia Steak - Lake Forest
 Sophia Steak - Wilmette
 Sophia Steak Chicago
 Sotto & Bar Sotto
 Soul & Smoke
 Southern Chicago Restaurant
 SPACE 519 | The Lunchroom
 State and Lake Chicago Tavern
 Staytion Market & Bar
 Steak + Vine
 Steingold's of Chicago
 STK Steakhouse
 Storyville Chicago
 Stussy's Diner
 Summer House Santa Monica
 Sunda New Asian - Fulton Market
 Sunda New Asian - River North
 Sushi By Bou - Gold Coast
 Sushi By Bou - West Loop
 Sushi Dokku

Sushi-san
 Sushi-san
 Susu
 Swift & Sons
 Swift & Sons Tavern and Oyster Bar – Wrigleyville
 Table, Donkey and Stick
 Tacotlán
 Tala House
 TAMA
 Tandoor Char House
 Tanoshii
 Tanta Chicago
 Tanuki Sushi & Grill
 TAO
 Tapas Valencia
 Taste 222
 Tavern on Rush
 Teatro ZinZanni
 TenGoku Aburiya
 Terrace 16
 the Albert
 The Albion Manor
 The Alston
 The Bellevue Chicago
 The Black Barrel Tavern
 The Bridge Kitchen & Cocktails
 The Capital Grille
 The Capital Grille – Lombard
 The Capital Grille - Rosemont
 The Capital Grille - Schaumburg
 The Capital Grille - Skokie
 The Chicago Firehouse Restaurant
 The Dandy Crown
 The Dawson
 The Dearborn Tavern
 The Duck Inn
 The Duplex
 The Evie
 The Exchange
 The Franklin Room
 The Gage
 The Gregory
 The Hampton Social - River North
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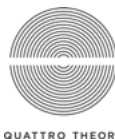
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