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Air Canada Announces Longlist for Canada's Best New Restaurants 2018

Top 10 to be revealed in November issue of Air Canada enRoute Magazine

TORONTO, Aug. 9, 2018 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada is proud to present the 30 nominees for Canada's Best New Restaurants presented by American Express. The highly anticipated longlist, drawn from a coast-to-coast culinary exploration, is out today on CanadasBestNewRestaurants.com.

From an Italian-inflected seafood menu in a beachyHalifax room to the wildly creative charcuterie cabinet of a French bistro in Victoria, this year's finalists celebrate the delectable diversity of Canadian cuisine. Based on the recommendations from a panel of food experts, Air Canada sends one writer on an anonymous, month-long, cross-country dining marathon to determine the most notable new openings that become contenders for the coveted annual Top 10 list.

"For over 15 years, Air Canada has been committed to discovering the latest Canadian culinary innovations and dining destinations, and celebrating the central role they play in our customers' travel experience," says Andy Shibata, Managing Director, Brand, Air Canada. "This year, we want to celebrate diversity in Canada's culinary culture and highlight chefs and restaurateurs with global backgrounds. Their achievements will be honoured and featured online and in Air Canada's enRoute onboard magazine."



"Our Cardmembers are passionate about food and look to us to point them towards the country's best restaurants and chefs," says David Barnes, VP of Advertising and Communications, American Express Canada. "That's why it's a natural fit for us to pair with Air Canada and sponsor Canada's Best New Restaurants for the fourth year running. We're so excited about the contenders on this list this year."

The 2018 nominees for Canada's Best New Restaurants are:

1909 Kitchen, Tofino, BC; Aloette, Toronto; Atlas, Toronto; Avenue Restaurant, Regina; Bar Kismet, Halifax; Biera, Edmonton; Bistro Rosie, Montréal; Bread and Circus, Calgary; Bündok, Edmonton; La Cabane d'à Côté, Mirabel, QC; The Courtney Room, Victoria; Cruz Tacos, Calgary; Donna Mac, Calgary; Elena, Montréal; Giulietta, Toronto; Hopkins, Montréal; Il Covo, Toronto; Kanto 98th St., Edmonton; Kiin, Toronto; Kūkŭm Kitchen, Toronto; Vin Mon Lapin, Montréal; Omai, Toronto; Oxbow, Winnipeg; Passero, Winnipeg; The Restaurant at Pearl Morissette, Jordan Station, ON; Sand and Pearl, Picton, ON; Seedlings, Bloomfield, ON; Skippa, Toronto; St. Lawrence, Vancouver; Tanto, Toronto.

Canada's Best New Restaurants 2018 highlights the top restaurants that have launched across the country over the last 12 months and deliver memorable experiences through the quality of their food, level of service and original contribution to the Canadian dining landscape.

The annual Top 10 ranking will be unveiled at a celebration inToronto on October 25, 2018. Tickets for this event go on sale August 24, 2018, giving diners an opportunity to sampleCanada's Best New Restaurants all in one place. The winners will also be showcased on CanadasBestNewRestaurants.com and in the November issue of Air Canada*enRoute* magazine.

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