CHIPOTLE COMPLETES EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM WITH HIRING OF CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER AND CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Dec. 13, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Chipotle Mexican Grill (NYSE: CMG) today announced that its executive leadership team is now complete with the hiring of Roger Theodoredis as the company's chief legal officer and Tabassum Zalotrawala as chief development officer. Both Theodoredis and Zalotrawala will report toBrian Niccol, the company's chief executive officer.

Chipotle has welcomed new executive leaders in 2018, beginning withBrian Niccol's appointment to CEO and member of the Board in March of this year. Each member of the team brings a unique set of experience that will allow Chipotle to deliver on its strategy of winning today and cultivating a better future.

The full leadership team includes:

- Brian Niccol, chief executive officer
- Steve Ells, founder and executive chairman
- Marissa Andrada, chief people officer
- Scott Boatwright, chief restaurant officer
- Chris Brandt, chief marketing officer
- Curt Garner, chief digital and information officer
- Jack Hartung, chief financial officer
- Laurie Schalow, chief communications officer
- Roger Theodoredis, chief legal officer
- Tabassum Zalotrawala, chief development officer

Specifically, the leadership team is focused on these five strategic focus areas:

1. Becoming a more culturally relevant and engaging brand that builds love and loyalty;
2. Digitizing and modernizing our restaurant experience to create a more convenient and enjoyable guest experience;
3. Running great restaurants with great hospitality and throughput;
4. Being disciplined and focused to enhance our powerful economic model; and
5. Building a great culture that can innovate and execute across digital, access, menu, and the restaurant experience.

"I am energized about having such a world-class executive leadership team in place to accelerate our strategic goals. Roger and Tabassum are perfect additions to the team, and their experience will be essential as Chipotle focuses on winning today and cultivating a better future," said Brian Niccol. "I'm confident that this team will lead Chipotle's culture of purpose, innovation, and accountability to deliver new levels of growth and value for customers and shareholders."

Theodoredis comes to Chipotle from Danone North America, where he served as general secretary with responsibility for legal, public affairs, communications, scientific affairs and corporate security. He previously served in various legal roles at WhiteWave Foods Company until its acquisition by Danone, N.A. in April 2017, Mead Johnson Nutritionals and Chiquita Brands International.

Zalotrawala most recently served as chief development officer and vice president design, construction, facilities and strategic sourcing at Panda Restaurant Group. She previously held roles at Arby's Restaurant Group, first as a franchisee and later focusing on store development and franchisee support.

About Chipotle

Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. (NYSE: CMG) is cultivating a better world by serving responsibly sourced, classically-cooked, real food with wholesome ingredients without added colors, flavors or other additives. Chipotle had more than 2,450 restaurants as of September 30, 2018 in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France and Germany and is the only restaurant company of its size that owns and operates all its restaurants. With more than 70,000 employees passionate about providing a great guest experience, Chipotle is a longtime leader and innovator in the food industry. Chipotle is committed to making its food more accessible to everyone while continuing to be a brand with a demonstrated purpose as it leads the way in digital, technology and sustainable business practices. Steve Ells, founder and executive chairman, first opened Chipotle starting with a single restaurant in Denver, Colorado in 1993. For more information or to place an order online, visit WWW.CHIPOTLE.COM.

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