

## BIG MILESTONE IN THE "LITTLE APPLE:" CHIPOTLE OPENS ITS 4,000TH RESTAURANT, LOCATED IN MANHATTAN, KANSAS

- Chipotle is now over halfway to its long-term goal of operating 7,000 restaurants in the U.S. and Canada
- Since CEO Scott Boatwright joined Chipotle in 2017, the company has added approximately 1,700 locations, increasing its restaurant count by more than 70%

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., Dec. 12, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Chipotle Mexican Grill (NYSE: CMG) today announced the opening of its 4,000th restaurant, located in Manhattan, Kansas, known as the "Little Apple." To commemorate this achievement, Chipotle's executive leadership team and restaurant leaders will ring The Opening Bell® at The New York Stock Exchange today at 9:30 a.m. ET in the "Big Apple."

For additional images and B-roll video of Chipotle's 4,000<sup>th</sup> restaurant, see here:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/grt72jc9ufzea50upo0bv/Abv9OXFSA-nIT6-ahZZFA6A?rlkey=n7m71epuvqdf8e6x68do0i5em&st=pfnarc62&dl=0>.

The new Manhattan, Kansas restaurant includes the brand's signature Chipotlane, a drive-thru pick-up lane that allows guests to retrieve digital orders without leaving their cars. It also features Chipotle's new High-Efficiency Equipment Package, which consists of a Three-Pan Rice Cooker that enables higher cooking volumes and consistent batching, a Dual Sided Plancha that reduces cook time for steak, chicken and fajita veggies, a High-Capacity Fryer that improves throughput for fresh chips, and a Produce Slicer that automates the slicing of produce to streamline prep. The package allows staff to be deployed more effectively during peak hours and is designed to simplify cooking processes for employees while maintaining Chipotle's high culinary standards.

"Our 4,000th restaurant in Manhattan, Kansas is both a milestone for our growth and a celebration of the guests who have asked us to bring Chipotle to their communities," said **Stephen Piacentini, Chief Development Officer**. "This location showcases more convenient access points, sustainable design features and equipment upgrades that elevate the experience for our team members and our guests."

### Chipotle's Continued Growth

Since current CEO Scott Boatwright joined Chipotle in 2017 as Chief Restaurant Officer, the company has grown from over 2,300 restaurants to 4,000 locations, a 70% increase in only eight years. Chipotle will open between 315 to 345 restaurants for the full year 2025, with at least 80% featuring a Chipotlane. For 2026, management is anticipating 350 to 370 new restaurant openings, including 10 to 15 international partner-operated locations.

"Achieving 4,000 restaurants underscores the strength of our strategic initiatives and commitment to Cultivate a Better World," said **Scott Boatwright, Chief Executive Officer**. "Most importantly, our continued growth has allowed us to bring real food made with responsibly sourced ingredients to more communities throughout the world and create new career opportunities for our team members."

### Chipotle's International Expansion

To date, Chipotle has over 100 restaurants outside the U.S., including 75 in Canada, 28 in Europe and 11 partner-operated locations in the Middle East. Last month, in partnership with Alshaya Group, the first Chipotlane outside of North America opened at Bneid Al Gar in Kuwait. Additionally, the company signed a development agreement to open restaurants in Mexico for the first time next year with Alsea, S.A.B. de C.V. (Alsea), a leading restaurant operator in Latin America and Europe. Through a joint venture with SPC Group, a leading South Korea-based food company, the first Chipotle restaurants in South Korea and Singapore are also scheduled to open in 2026.

### 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 artificial colors, flavors or preservatives. There are over 3,900 restaurants as of September 30, 2025, in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and the Middle East and it is the only restaurant company of its size that owns and operates all its restaurants in North America and Europe. With over 130,000 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. For more information or to place an order online, visit [CHIPOTLE.COM](http://CHIPOTLE.COM).

### Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this press release are forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements about the timing of openings the first Chipotle restaurants in Mexico, South Korea and Singapore, Chipotle's plans to open between 350 to 370 new restaurants in 2026, including 10 to 15 international partner-

operated locations, and its long-term target of operating 7,000 locations in the U.S. and Canada. We use words such as "anticipate," "expect," "believe," "could," "should," "may" and similar terms to identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements in this press release are based on currently available operating, financial and competitive information, available to us as of the date of this release and we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the statements, including the risks described from time to time in our SEC reports, including our annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, all of which are available on the investor relations page of our website at [ir.chipotle.com](http://ir.chipotle.com).

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