

THE LIST RESTAURANT CHAINS

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RANKED BY SYSTEMWIDE SALES

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1 (1)	Taco Bell Corp. 1 Glen Bell Way Irvine 92618-3344 Website: tacobell.com Email: media@tacobell.com	\$18,361 13%	1,000 ⁽¹⁾ -1%	Taco Bell	78 9,021	Mexican-inspired fast food	Yum Brands Inc.	Irvine	Sean Tresvant CEO (949) 863-4500		
2 (2)	Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. 610 Newport Center Drive, Ste. 1100 Newport Beach 92660-6460 Website: chipotle.com Email: mediarelations@chipotle.com	\$11,925.6 5%	2,300 0%	Chipotle Mexican Grill	55 4,000	Burritos, bowls, salads, quesadillas and tacos	Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc.	Newport Beach	Scott Boatwright CEO (949) 524-4000		
3 (3)	In-N-Out Burger Inc. 4199 Campus Drive, ninth floor Irvine 92612-8604 Website: in-n-out.com	\$2,582.4 10%	3,807 -5%	In-N-Out Burgers	36 436	Burgers	Lynsi Snyder - Ellingson	Irvine	Lynsi Snyder-Ellingson president (949) 509-6200/(949) 854-3675		
4 (4)	BJ's Restaurants Inc. 7755 Center Ave., Ste. 300 Huntington Beach 92647-3084 Website: bjsrestaurants.com	\$1,399.1 3%	1,132 ⁽²⁾ NA	BJ's Restaurant & Brewery, BJ's Pizza & Grill	8 219	Deep dish pizza, pasta, salads	BJ's Restaurants Inc.	Huntington Beach	Lyle Tick CEO/president (714) 500-2400		
5 (5)	El Pollo Loco Holdings Inc. 575 Anton Blvd., Ste. 1100 Costa Mesa 92626-7685 Website: elpollo loco.com	\$1,125.4 3%	1,424 0%	El Pollo Loco	52 506	Grilled chicken	El Pollo Loco Holdings Inc.	Costa Mesa	Liz Williams CEO (714) 599-5000/(714) 599-5674		
6 (6)	Del Taco Restaurants Inc. 25521 Commercentre Drive, Ste. 150 Lake Forest 92630-8857 Website: deltaco.com Email: lbudman@deltaco.com	\$901 -5%	2,000 -29%	Del Taco	62 556	Mexican, American fast food	Yadav Enterprises	Lake Forest	Anil Yadav CEO (949) 462-9300/(949) 462-7396		
7 (7)	Habit Burger & Grill 1 Glen Bell Way Irvine 92618-3344 Website: habitburger.com Email: marketing@habitburger.com	\$706 1%	589 -6%	Habit Burger & Grill	27 390	Chargrilled burgers, chicken, tuna and innovative salads	Yum Brands Inc.	Irvine	Shannon Hennessy CEO (949) 851-8881/(949) 852-4650		
8 (8)	Lazy Dog Restaurants LLC 101 Shipyard Way, Ste. B Newport Beach 92663-4447 Website: lazydogrestaurants.com	\$419 3%	455 -4%	Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar	3 51	American	Lazy Dog Restaurants LLC	Newport Beach	Chris Simms founder/CEO (714) 596-9960		
9 (11)	Wienerschnitzel⁽³⁾ 7700 Irvine Center Drive, Ste. 550 Irvine 92618-3036 Website: wienerschnitzel.com	\$359.4 1%	275 ⁽²⁾ NA	Wienerschnitzel	23 ⁽²⁾ 321	Hot dogs, burgers	Galardi Group Inc.	Irvine	J.R. Galardi CEO/president (949) 892-2699/(949) 892-2618		
10 (8)	California Pizza Kitchen 575 Anton Blvd., Ste. 100 Costa Mesa 92626-7672 Website: cpk.com	\$350.2 -14%	479 -18%	California Pizza Kitchen	10 138	Pizza, pasta, salads	Consortium Brand Partners, Eldridge Industries, Aurify Brands, Convive Brands	Costa Mesa	Jon Weber CEO (800) 919-3227		
11 (10)	Mountain Mike's Pizza LLC 110 Theory, Ste. 150 Irvine 92617-3202 Website: mountainmikespizza.com Email: contact@mountainmikespizza.com	\$335.8 3%	155 0%	Mountain Mike's Pizza	5 318	Pizza, wings, salads, sides, dessert	Mountain Mike's Pizza LLC	Irvine	Jim Metevier/Chris Britt/Ed St. Geme CEO/principal owners, co-chairman (949) 438-1201		
12 (13)	Kura Sushi USA Inc. 17461 Derian Ave., Ste. 200 Irvine 92614-5820 Website: kurasushi.com Email: media@kurausa.com	\$282.8 8/25 19%	221 37%	Kura Revolving Sushi Bar	5 89	Sushi	Kura Sushi USA Inc.	Irvine	Hajime "Jimmy" Uba chairman/CEO/president (657) 333-4100		
13 (NR)	GEN Restaurant Group Inc. 11480 South Street, Ste. 275 Cerritos 90703-6645 Website: genkoreanbbq.com Email: investor@genbbqoffice.com	\$212.5 2%	180 0%	GEN BBQ House	3 59	Korean BBQ	GEN Restaurant Group Inc.	Cerritos	David Kim CEO (562) 356-9929		

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14 (16)	Panini Kabob Grill 3159 Red Hill Ave., Ste. A Costa Mesa 92626-3419 Website: paninikabobgrill.com Email: harry@paninikabobgrill.com	\$210.2 15%	575 22%	Panini Kabob Grill	9 32	Mediterranean	SPCorp Services Inc.	Costa Mesa	Mike Rafipoor CEO/president (949) 788-1620/(949) 788-1621
									
15 (15)	King's Seafood Company 3185 Airway Ave., Ste. J Costa Mesa 92626-4601 Website: kingsseafood.com Email: rfiore@kingsseafood.com	\$196 3/26 -2%	566 0%	Water Grill, King's Fish House	4 23	Seafood	King's Seafood Company	Costa Mesa	Sam King/Kelly Ellerman/Rich Fiore CEO/president, COO/CFO (714) 732-0400/(714) 432-0111
									
16 (14)	Sizzler USA Inc. ⁽³⁾ 23352 Madero Road, Ste. B Mission Viejo 92691-7908 Website: sizzler.com	\$194.6 -6%	250 ⁽²⁾ NA	Sizzler	5 71	Steak, seafood, chicken, salads	Sizzler USA	Mission Viejo	Christopher Perkins president (949) 273-4497/(949) 855-8446
									
17 (17)	WaBa Grill Franchise Corp. 181 S. Old Springs Road Anaheim 92808-1247 Website: wabagrill.com	\$184.5 8%	260 -4%	WaBa Grill	26 195	Asian-inspired bowls, plates and tacos and specialty beverages	WaBa Restaurant Group	Anaheim	Andrew Kim/Afshin Compani CEO/COO, president (562) 908-9222/(562) 699-1575
									
18 (18)	Nékteer Juice Bar Inc. 2488 Newport Blvd., Ste. A Costa Mesa 92627-5196 Website: nekteerjuicebar.com Email: info@nekteerjuicebar.com	\$162.5 0%	525 0%	Nékteer Juice Bar	32 206	Vegan juices and smoothies, vegan and healthy snacks, acai bowls, cold-pressed juices, ice cream	Steve Shulze and Alexis Parra	Costa Mesa	Steve Schulze/Alexis Parra CEO, president/chief visionary officer (949) 313-0440
									
19 (19)	California Fish Grill Inc. 4041 MacArthur Blvd., Ste. 250 Newport Beach 92660-2532 Website: cafishgrill.com Email: hello@cafishgrill.com	\$147.2 1/26 5%	318 -1%	California Fish Grill	10 66	Seafood	KarpReilly LLC	Newport Beach	Bob Holden CEO/president (714) 525-5809
									
20 (20)	Specialty Restaurants Corp. 150 Paularino Ave., Bldg. C Costa Mesa 92626-3339 Website: specialtyrestaurants.com Email: info@srcmail.com	\$123.9 06/25 -2%	193 -1%	Orange Hill Restaurant	1 15	American, seafood	Specialty Restaurants Corp.	Costa Mesa	John Tallichet CEO (714) 279-6100/(714) 998-7574
									
21 (21)	Pieology Pizzeria ⁽³⁾ 18101 Von Karman Ave. Irvine 92612 Website: pieology.com	\$67.7 -33%	220 ⁽²⁾ NA	Pieology Pizzeria	1 65	Custom pizza	Pieology Pizzeria	Irvine	Carl Chang founder (949) 674-3844
									
22 (23)	Pokeworks 220 Technology Drive, Ste. 120 Irvine 92618-2456 Website: pokeworks.com Email: info@pokeworks.com	\$65.4 6%	110 0%	Pokeworks	5 85	Sushi, poke bowls, poke burritos, hot plates	Beyond Restaurant Group LLC	Irvine	Mike Chen co-founder (949) 629-3875
									
23 (22)	Flame Broiler Inc. ⁽³⁾ 1538 E. Warner Ave., Ste. E Santa Ana 92705-5476 Website: flamebroilerusa.com Email: ylee@flamebroilerusa.com	\$65.3 -4%	700 ⁽²⁾ NA	The Flame Broiler	64 ⁽²⁾ 126	Asian	The Flame Broiler Inc.	Santa Ana	Christian Lee president (714) 424-0223/(714) 424-0225
									
24 (24)	Wahoo's Fish Taco 1185 Warner Ave. Tustin 92780-6458 Website: wahoos.com Email: mingo.lee@wahoos.com	\$60 1%	432 3%	Wahoo's Fish Taco	18 44	Fusion of Mexican, Asian and Brazilian	Lamkone Restaurants Inc.	Tustin	Mingo Lee CEO (949) 223-6138/(949) 222-0750
									
25 (25)	Juice It Up! 110 Theory, Ste. 150 Irvine 92617-3202 Website: juiceitup.com Email: customerservice@juiceitup.com	\$54.5 9%	176 1%	Juice It Up!	13 100	Handcrafted smoothies, fresh-squeezed raw juices, acai and superfruit bowls	SJB Brands LLC	Irvine	Susan Taylor CEO/president (949) 475-0146/(949) 475-0137
									
26 (NR)	Bluewater Grill 630 Lido Park Drive Newport Beach 92663-4442 Website: bluewatergrill.com	\$51.6 -4%	106 0%	Bluewater Grill	1 8	Fresh sustainable seafood and shellfish; chicken, steaks, burgers and salads; full bar and wine list; sushi and oyster bar	Jimmy Ulcickas and Richard Staunton	Newport Beach	Jimmy Ulcickas/Richard Staunton co-founders/co-owners (949) 675-3474
									
27 (26)	1923 Restaurant Group 800A E. Whittier Blvd. La Habra 90631-3933 Website: elcholo.com Email: brendon@elcholo.com	\$40.7 -4%	360 0%	El Cholo, Cannery Seafood of the Pacific, Louie's By The Bay, Il Gatto	6 10	Mexican, Italian, seafood	Ron Salisbury	La Habra	Brendon Salisbury CFO (562) 690-2011
									

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