



## Studio Movie Grill Holds for Second Year on Inc. Magazine's 36th Annual List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies—the Inc. 5000

DALLAS, TX--(September 5, 2017) – *Inc.* magazine ranked Studio Movie Grill (SMG) on its 36th annual Inc. 5000, the most prestigious ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. The list represents a unique look at the most successful companies within the American economy's most dynamic segment— its independent small and mid-sized businesses. Companies such as Microsoft, Pandora, Timberland, LinkedIn, Yelp, Zillow, and many other well-known names gained their first national exposure as honorees of the Inc. 5000.

"As a purpose-driven business with a desire to open hearts and minds one story at a time, it makes me very proud that we have continued to grow our way onto this prestigious list for a second year," said Brian Schultz, CEO and Founder of Studio Movie Grill. "Investing in our team and having the right people in the right places and doing business the right way is crucial. Our dedicated team of incredibly talented individuals deserves all the accolades and I could not be more excited to see the growth they have generated recognized in this way."

SMG has grown from one location in 2000 to 27 locations in nine states by the end of 2017 and expects double digit growth by continuing to expand its operations over the next 3 years. SMG is currently the 19th largest exhibitor in the United States and has 3 new theaters opening in Seminole, Florida, Marietta, Georgia and Bakersfield, California before the end of the year with major expansion planned for 2018.

The 2017 Inc. 5000, unveiled online at Inc.com and with the top 500 companies featured in the September issue of *Inc.* is the most competitive crop in the list's history. The average company on the list achieved a mind-boggling three-year average growth of 481%. The Inc. 5000's aggregate revenue is \$206 billion, and the companies on the list collectively generated 619,500 jobs over the past three years. Complete results of the Inc. 5000, including company profiles and an interactive database that can be sorted by industry, region, and other criteria, can be found at [www.inc.com/inc5000](http://www.inc.com/inc5000).

"The Inc. 5000 is the most persuasive evidence I know that the American Dream is still alive," says Inc. President and Editor-In-Chief Eric Schurenberg. "The founders and CEOs of the Inc. 5000 tell us they think determination, risk taking, and vision were the keys to their success, and I believe them." The annual Inc. 5000 event honoring all the companies on the list will be held from October 10 through 12, 2017 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, CA.

### **About Studio Movie Grill:**

Studio Movie Grill modernized the traditional movie-going experience by combining first-run movies with full-service, in-theater dining. Established in 2000, SMG has swiftly grown to 27 locations in 9 states. SMG, the leader of in-theater dining exhibition, recently announced a major expansion initiative with plans for additional sites throughout the country. SMG currently ranks the 19th largest exhibitor in the U.S. For additional information, visit [www.studiomoviegrill.com](http://www.studiomoviegrill.com).

## More about Inc. and the Inc. 5000

### Methodology

The 2017 Inc. 5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth when comparing 2013 to 2016. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by March 31, 2013. They had to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent—not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies—as of December 31, 2016. (Since then, a number of companies on the list have gone public or been acquired.) The minimum revenue required for 2013 is \$100,000; the minimum for 2016 is \$2 million. As always, Inc. reserves the right to decline applicants for subjective reasons. Companies on the Inc. 500 are featured in Inc.'s September issue. They represent the top tier of the Inc. 5000, which can be found at <http://www.inc.com/inc5000>.

### About Inc. Media:

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The Inc. 5000 is a list of the fastest-growing private companies in the nation. Started in 1982, this prestigious list of the nation's most successful private companies has become the hallmark of entrepreneurial success. The Inc. 5000 Conference & Awards Ceremony is an annual event that celebrates their remarkable achievements. The event also offers informative workshops, celebrated keynote speakers, and evening functions.

For more information on Inc. and the Inc. 5000 Conference, visit <http://conference.inc.com/>.

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