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Get Ready for Ottawa's First Food Hall: Queen St. Fare Opening December 7th

OTTAWA, November 1, 2018 – The Ottawa food scene is poised for a shake up with the announcement of Ottawa's first food hall, **Queen St. Fare**, opening on Friday, December 7th.

Queen St. Fare brings together the best in Ottawa's local food, drink and entertainment – in a hip, licensed environment open day and night. It will also be Canada's first food hall featuring live music.

With more than 9,000 square feet and a licensed capacity for 390 people, **Queen St. Fare** in the Sun Life Financial Centre (170 Queen Street) in Ottawa's downtown core, is an entirely new concept for the region.

Sean O'Sullivan is Vice President and General Manager for Bentall Kennedy, who manage the Sun Life Financial Centre. He is confident Ottawa's downtown is ready for something new.

"This is an entirely new vibe for Ottawa. As a city, if we are going to change the way people view Ottawa's downtown – we need to be bold. With **Queen St. Fare**, we're making a significant investment not only in our building; but in the downtown core and Ottawa's food and entertainment scene."

There are also more than 18,000 people working within a block of the **Queen St. Fare** food hall.

O'Sullivan explains impetus behind the vision.

"There will be 50,000 people coming through our building each day with the LRT Parliament station at our doorstep. It seemed like the perfect time to introduce a concept like a food hall."

Opening in early December, **Queen St. Fare** will feature seven of Ottawa's most exciting high-quality local food and drink vendors including: Bar Robo, Capital Burger Counter, Green Rebel, Fiazza Pizza, Mercadito, Q Bar and SEN Kitchen.

The Q Bar stage will play host to an array of music programming; from big-ticket shows to free DJ's and jazz nights and as a home to Ottawa's festivals. It will be a downtown music hub.

Scott May, owner of Bar Robo and spokesperson for **Queen St. Fare** vendors, is convinced it's the right time for the food hall concept.

"We have created a space that brings together great Ottawa food, creative Ottawa cocktails, craft beer, and a showcase for Ottawa's burgeoning music scene," he explains. "**Queen St. Fare** will be an exciting gathering spot for lunch and late-night snacks and fantastic music-themed brunches on the weekend."

May explains: "We have assembled some of Ottawa's most creative food purveyors. Now you don't have to choose between a taco, phở, burgers or pizza. All of those and more are available with the finest barrel-aged cocktails and craft beer."

Queen St. Fare will feature luminaries such as master mixologist Jillian Dagenais curating the beverage program, and Iron Chef alumni Rene Rodriguez's new Mexican concept. Veteran Ottawa music figure Jordan David is leading event and music booking, in the Bar Robo tradition of fantastic shows.

An invitation only Grand Opening Launch event will be held Thursday, December 6th featuring special food and drink offerings from **Queen St. Fare** vendors with music provided by "Ottawa's Best Band" – The Peptides.

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