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The Bourbon Review Magazine Names America's Best Bourbon Bars

Nationwide "cheers" scheduled for September 30 to Recognize Top Bars

LEXINGTON, Ky. (July 25th, 2017) – After extensive research, *The Bourbon Review*, the world's only Bourbon publication, has released their fifth annual list of America's Best Bourbon Bars. Criteria used for selecting America's Best Bourbon Bars include: overall selection of Bourbon, the incorporation of Bourbon into its cocktail program, how many Bourbon themed events the bar held and the reputation of the bar staff's knowledge of Bourbon. The Bourbon Review will be celebrating National Bourbon Heritage Month in September by partnering with Buffalo Trace Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey to "Cheers" each of the top bars chosen.

"It's great to honor those bars who have made the Bourbon phenomenon happen. The whole industry owes a lot to those bars that are proud to serve Bourbon or even build their entire theme around it," said Justin Thompson of *The Bourbon Review*. "We're very excited to expand our list to 99 deserving bars that take their Bourbon selection, employee education and customer experience of tasting Bourbon to the highest level."

"We're excited to partner with The Bourbon Review to recognize these top bars," said Kris Comstock, senior marketing director, Buffalo Trace Bourbon. "Bourbon has made quite a comeback in the past few years and these bars have certainly played a part in that renaissance."

The Bourbon Review has categorized these top bars by region:

- Bourbon Country region
- Midwest region
- Northeast region
- Southeast region
- Western region

To see which bars made the list, please visit GoBourbon.com/top99bars

You can raise a glass with the Bourbon Review and Buffalo Trace Bourbon for a nationwide “Cheers” event on the final day of National Bourbon Heritage Month, Saturday, September 30. Join in by tagging your favorite Bourbon Bar from the list using the hashtag #bestbourbonbar.

About Buffalo Trace Distillery

Buffalo Trace Distillery is an American family-owned company based in Frankfort, Franklin County, Kentucky. The Distillery's rich tradition dates back to 1773 and includes such legends as E.H. Taylor, Jr., George T. Stagg, Albert B. Blanton, Orville Schupp, and Elmer T. Lee. Buffalo Trace Distillery is a fully operational Distillery producing bourbon, rye and vodka on site and is a National Historic Landmark as well as is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Distillery has won 17 distillery titles since 2000 from such notable publications as *Whisky Magazine*, *Whisky Advocate Magazine* and *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*. It was named “Brand Innovator of the Year” by *Whisky Magazine* at its Icons of Whisky America Awards 2015. Buffalo Trace Distillery has also garnered more than 300 awards for its wide range of premium whiskies. To learn more about Buffalo Trace Distillery visit www.buffalotracedistillery.com. To download images from Buffalo Trace Distillery visit www.buffalotracedistillery.com.