

# Dining Helps Make Companies ‘Best to Work For’

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**F**rom number one down to number 89, food and dining-related features are cited as benefits that helped put organizations on *Fortune* magazine’s 2016 list of “Best Companies to Work For.”

**Google**, number one, is famous for its lavish dining and other benefits. “The company culture truly makes workers feel they’re valued and respected . . . [including] three prepared organic meals a day . . . unlimited snacks, artisan coffee and tea,” the magazine says.

Few companies are able to match Google’s largesse, but some utilize more modest offerings effectively.

**Genentech**, South San Francisco, ranked 11<sup>th</sup>, “provides a coffee bar and cafeteria with international cuisine and a farmer’s market,” amenities within reach of most organizations.

**Baker Donelson**, a Memphis, TN, law firm, 32<sup>nd</sup>, “balances hard work with chilli cookoffs.”

**Hyatt**, the hotel chain, no. 47, “spent an average of \$50,000 updating employee cafeterias to make them feel more like restaurants.”

**Arthrex**, a medical device maker in Naples, FL, is no. 62 in part because it provides “a daily free catered lunch.”

The famous **Mayo Clinic**, Rochester, MN, at no. 86, includes in its benefits “lunch and learn” sessions and meals to go.

**Factset Information Systems** of Norwalk, CT, a Clarion client, is no. 89. In prior years’ listings, the company was cited for its distinguished chef and discounted staff café meals.