

Happy Belly's Smash Burger Brand Rosie's Burgers Announces the Signing of a Franchisee for Burlington, Ontario

Toronto, Ontario - (July 5th, 2024) - Happy Belly Food Group Inc. (CSE: HBFG) (OTCQB: HBFGF) ("Happy Belly" or the "Company"), a leading consolidator of emerging food brands is pleased to announce it has signed a franchisee for its sixth (6th) location of Rosie's Burgers ("Rosie's"), a boutique QSR restaurant brand serving original recipe smash burgers, poutine, onion rings, milkshakes and more, for the city of Burlington, Ontario.



"Cementing our sixth (6th) location for Rosie's marks another step forward in our mission to become a predictable and disciplined growth company. This is our first (1st) of a contractually committed 30 units for Rosie's in Ontario. Having grown over 400 franchised and corporate locations using our asset-light franchise model in the past, it will remain a key strategic component of our growth strategy here at Happy Belly. We aim to maximize the value of our assets through disciplined organic growth, ensuring a prosperous future for Happy Belly and its shareholders," said Sean Black, Chief Investment Officer of Happy Belly.

"We are excited to plant our Rosie's flag in Burlington, Ontario. Situated between Toronto and Hamilton, Burlington benefits from high visibility and accessibility, attracting both local residents and visitors. The city's vibrant dining scene, combined with a strong sense of community, makes it an ideal spot for a new culinary venture. Additionally, Burlington boasts a high standard of living and disposable income, ensuring a steady stream of potential customers who appreciate quality dining experiences. The city's commitment to supporting local businesses and fostering a welcoming atmosphere further enhances its appeal as a prime location for a burger restaurant. Establishing a store in this dynamic locale provides excellent visibility to Rosies."

"As we organically expand Happy Belly's presence in the QSR space, new opportunities for growth continue to present themselves daily. We are just getting started."

For franchising inquiries please see www.happybellyfg.com/franchise-with-us/ or contact us at hello@happybellyfg.com.

About Rosie's Burgers

Deliciously handcrafted smashed burgers, golden fries, and classic milkshakes. Rosie's is your neighbourhood burger shop serving up nostalgic flavours you know, love, and crave. From our Smashburger's and French fries to strawberry shakes and onion rings-we're all about keeping things simple and perfecting tradition. Because the classics were made classic for a reason, right?

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