



## Happy Belly's Smash Burger Brand Rosie's Burgers Announces the signing of their 2<sup>nd</sup> Franchisee and Real-Estate Location in Calgary, Alberta

Toronto, Ontario - (July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 that after announcing its first Rosie's franchisee and location in Calgary on June 26<sup>th</sup>, it has secured another lease and franchisee for its second Alberta-based location of Rosie's Burgers ("Rosie's"), a boutique QSR restaurant brand serving original recipe smash burgers, poutine, onion rings, milkshakes and more, located in the Bridgeland area of Calgary, Alberta.



"Bridgeland in Calgary, Alberta, is an ideal location for a Rosie's restaurant due to its vibrant and eclectic community atmosphere. Known for its blend of historic charm and modern urban development, Bridgeland attracts a diverse crowd of food enthusiasts, families, and young professionals. The area is bustling with foot traffic, thanks to its proximity to downtown, residential neighborhoods, parks, and popular local attractions. Bridgeland's reputation for supporting local businesses and its thriving dining scene create the perfect

environment for Rosie's to thrive. Additionally, the community's emphasis on quality and unique dining experiences aligns perfectly with a gourmet burger offering, guaranteeing a steady stream of eager customers. Establishing a store in this dynamic locale provides excellent visibility and the chance to become a favorite among Calgary's food enthusiasts. We anticipate this location will significantly expand Rosie's customer base in a densely populated area that matches the brand's demographics. This presents substantial opportunities both in-store and through delivery services," said Sean Black, Chief Investment Officer of Happy Belly.

"Cementing our second location in Alberta for Rosies is a huge step in planting the flag for our smash burger brand. This is just the start of our contractually committed 20 units for the province of Alberta. Many more still to come as we continue to leverage our franchising experience to accelerate our growth and secure prime real estate locations for our franchisees across Canada. We anticipate possession taking place in Q3 and an opening in Q4 of this year."

"We are actively engaged in discussions with various groups across Canada to accelerate the growth of our brand portfolio. As we organically expand Happy Belly's presence in the QSR space, numerous opportunities are emerging. We are excited to share updates on newly secured locations for our brands as we continue to drive growth through our asset-light franchise model."

"This marks another step forward in our mission to become a predictable and disciplined growth company. Happy Belly has contractual commitments for 326 franchised units with area developers across 7 brands in Canada. Leveraging our experience, we have grown previous brands like Extreme Pita, Mucho Burrito, Burger's Priest, Pur Blendz, and Fresh to over 400 franchised and corporate locations. The asset-light franchise model, which has proven successful for us in the past, will remain a key component of our growth strategy. We aim to maximize the value of our assets through disciplined organic growth, ensuring a prosperous future for Happy Belly and its shareholders"

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### **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?

### **About Happy Belly Food Group**

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