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Dunkin' Donuts Announces Plans For Six New Restaurants, Including One Multi-Brand Location With Baskin-Robbins, In Evansville, Indiana With Franchisees Taru, Sanjay And Kamlesh Patel

- Leading Coffee and Bakery Brand Seeks Franchisee Candidates throughout the Midwest and Southeast Regions -

CANTON, Mass., April 26, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [Dunkin' Donuts](#), America's all-day, everyday stop for coffee and baked goods, announced today the signing of a multi-unit store development agreement with existing franchise group Maruti Donuts, Inc. to develop six Dunkin' Donuts restaurants in Evansville, Indiana including one multi-brand location with [Baskin-Robbins](#), the world's largest chain of ice cream specialty shops. The group's first restaurant is planned to open in 2018.



Maruti Donuts, Inc. is led by Taru Patel, who has more than 20 years of experience as a Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins franchisee. Patel will continue to expand her network throughout the state of Indiana, which currently consists of 12 multi-brand locations collectively with her son, Dave Patel, and longtime employee Sanjay Patel. Under this new agreement, fellow franchisee Kamlesh Patel and his wife will be relocating to Evansville to launch and lead restaurant excellence as they develop and grow the six new locations over the next few years.

"We are thrilled to be growing Dunkin' Donuts' and Baskin-Robbins' presence throughout the state of Indiana and have an incredibly strong team with a wealth of experience in franchising, multi-unit operations, and real estate," said Taru Patel, Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins' franchisee. "We are constantly striving for excellence in every aspect of our business, from customer service to operations, and look forward to bringing Dunkin' Donuts' and Baskin-Robbins' high level of quality to the Evansville community."

Currently there are 65 Dunkin' Donuts restaurants located throughout Indiana, and the company is continuing to recruit franchisees in surrounding areas including Effingham, Illinois, Jasper, Indiana, and Madisonville, Kentucky. To help fuel additional growth in the market, special development incentives are available.

"Dunkin' Donuts' and Baskin-Robbins' growth would not be possible without our franchisees like Maruti Donuts, Inc., which continues to demonstrate their high level of confidence in our brands and world-class support team," said Grant Benson, CFE, senior vice president of franchising and development, Dunkin' Brands. "Our hard-working and dedicated franchisees bring the Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins brands, products and promotions to life each and every day, and have been essential to our growth over the years, which has solidified our position as a leader in the quick service restaurant industry."

In an effort to keep the brand fresh and competitive, Dunkin' Donuts offers flexible concepts for any real estate format including free-standing restaurants, end caps, in-line sites, gas and convenience, travel plazas, and universities, as well as other retail environments. Additionally, multi-brand restaurants that combine Dunkin' Donuts with Baskin-Robbins under one roof offer even more opportunity to drive traffic during various day parts — from early morning breakfast and coffee all the way to after-dinner ice cream treats.

Dunkin' Donuts menu offerings include high-quality, freshly-brewed Hot and Iced Coffees, Cold Brew and Rainforest Alliance Certified™ Dark Roast, along with a Rainforest Alliance Certified™ espresso lineup that includes Americano, Cappuccino, Espresso, and Hot and Iced Lattes and Macchiato. Dunkin' Donuts also serves a full menu of Premium Hot Teas, Coolatta® frozen beverages, delicious donuts, bakery goods and sandwiches that pair perfectly with the brand's beverages. Baskin-Robbins offers guests a delicious range of creative ice cream flavors, custom ice cream cakes, ice cream sundaes, frozen beverages and take-home frozen treats.

To learn more about Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins, visit www.DunkinDonuts.com or www.BaskinRobbins.com. Like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DunkinDonuts or www.facebook.com/BaskinRobbins) and follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/DunkinDonuts or www.twitter.com/BaskinRobbins).

About Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc.

With more than 20,000 points of distribution in more than 60 countries worldwide, Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: DNKN) is one of the world's leading franchisors of quick service restaurants (QSR) serving hot and cold coffee and baked goods, as well as hard-serve ice cream. At the end of the fourth quarter 2016, Dunkin' Brands' 100 percent franchised business model included more than 12,200 Dunkin' Donuts restaurants and more than 7,800 Baskin-Robbins restaurants. Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. is headquartered in Canton, Mass.

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