Ghost Kitchens India acquires celebrity burger brand "Speak Burgers" by Chef Vicky Ratnani.

Chef Vicky Ratnani will join Ghost Kitchens as Chief Culinary Officer and Co-founder



Manhattan, New York Apr 4, 2023 (Issuewire.com) - Ghost Kitchens India has announced today that it has acquired celebrity Chef Vicky Ratnani's gourmet cloud kitchen brand called 'Speak Burgers' known for its freshly prepared bespoke burgers, appetizers & poppers, charcoal grilled chicken wings, chips, French fries & more.

Through this strategic acquisition, Ghost Kitchens plans to cater to & acquire a new customer segment with high spending power. This will be in line with Ghost Kitchen's vision to build premium food delivery brands listed on delivery aggregators like Swiggy & Zomato. TV Host & Chef, Vicky Ratnani who is also the founder & brainchild behind Speak Burgers will also be joining Ghost Kitchens India as Chief Culinary Officer & Co-founder. Speak Burgers has 2 delivery kitchens in Mumbai, India in Oshiwara & Bandra, and plans to serve 200+ locations in the next 3 years through fulfilment partner program. Currently, Ghost Kitchens has over 160 fulfilment partners in more than 40 cities for its own brands. Ghost Kitchens will also launch 3 new brands with Chef Vicky Ratnani including mass premium Pizza brands as well as healthy & clean food cloud kitchen brands. With these 3 new brands, Ghost Kitchens aims to add 400 + new Fulfillment partners over the next 3 years. Any restaurant with under-utilized capacity can apply to serve brands by Chef Vicky Ratnani under the Ghost Kitchens program. Chef Vicky says," I am very excited to scale Speak burgers with Ghost Kitchens. Ghost Kitchens understands how to scale brands with consistent customer experience. I wanted to take the experience of chargrilled burgers to many cities in India and now that dream is coming true. My focus is to only serve food using premium ingredients and state of art packaging."

Speak Burgers offers a flavour-forward variety of unique burgers prepared to perfection. Fan favourites include Grilled Portobello Mushroom Burger, Buff Tenderloin & Brie burger, Hariyali Desi pesto Paneer Burger, Gluten-free & healthy burgers like Bohemian roasted beet & black bean burger, Grilled Harissa Lamb burger, Korean Chicken burger & craveable sides. The brand will be scaled & managed by Ghost Kitchens' using their expertise in menu engineering to introduce burger bowls, salad bowls, desserts & beverages. Karan Tanna, Founder, and CEO of Ghost Kitchens say," Chef Vicky comes with 25 years of F and B experience. He is one of the most sought-after chefs in India and we are lucky to have him on board. With his expertise we will be able to offer a richer culinary food delivery experience through premium brands. With our presence in 40 cities, we have data on gaps in the supply of premium brands, which we will quickly fill through this collaboration."

Ghost Kitchens brings its expertise in managing & scaling restaurant brands through its proprietary tech platform PRAgati, inventory and recipe management, robot for customer review segmentation, aggregator funnel optimisation, analysis of Ops metrics, and call-to-action to improve algorithm on aggregators. This will help in organic order increase for the brand.

Ghost Kitchens India was started in May 2019 and has a portfolio of 30+ restaurant brands in various cuisine categories, different price points, and demography. Ghost Kitchens operates 4 company-owned cloud kitchens in Mumbai and has 110+ partners across 35 cities in India. The company runs over 1200 internet restaurants, having an order volume of approximately 1 lac + orders per month and an annual run rate of 8 Million USD.

ABOUT GHOST KITCHENS INDIA

Founded by Serial entrepreneur and restaurateur Karan Tanna, Ghost Kitchens Pvt Ltd is a disruptive food tech company that helps restaurants and cloud kitchens having underutilised capacities earn incremental revenue without any investment.

Ghost Kitchens also franchise's out their home-grown brands for cloud kitchen + takeaway model OR retail format (QSR, Casual dining, etc). Ghost Kitchens licences its Internet Restaurant Tech Platform that powers aggregator management, marketing to generate more food delivery orders, and inventory management and supply of ready food solutions which reduces their dependency on skilled manpower for maintaining standardisation. This enables restaurants and cloud kitchens to use their existing infrastructure and manpower to be part of a network of national food delivery brands and earn incremental profits right from the first order they serve.

Ghost Kitchens is the fastest-growing food tech start-up that started in May 2019. Since the launch of its internet restaurant tech platform in Jan 2022, Ghost Kitchens brands are integrated 100+ partners in 35+ cities with a total of 1100 Internet restaurants, as on September 2022. Ghost Kitchens does an annual run rate of GMV of approx. 60 Crores. (as on Dec 2022).

Ghost Kitchens plans to reach 500 + partners by Dec 2023 with over 4000 Internet Restaurants, making it one of the largest internet Restaurant companies in the world. This will take the annual run rate of ghost kitchens to over INR 300 crores by end of 2023 and over INR 500 Crores by end of 2024.

ABOUT CHEF VICKY RATNANI

Chef Vicky Ratnani comes with 25 years of F & B experience. He is one of the most sought-after chefs in India.

His professional journey has landed him prestigious opportunities like being the Executive Chef at Ocean Liner Queen Mary 2 & Queen Victoria. He has also donned the Head Chef position at Aurus & Nido in Mumbai.

Chef Vicky also has Cook book "Vicky Goes Veg" & "Urban Desi". He is also popular on TV shows & has been featured in over 500 episodes on television. He has also been awarded Chef of the Year '15 & Culinary Icon of the Year '22 by Travel & Leisure India. He has also been an Ambassador for Switzerland to promote the #swisstainable campaign & vegetarian food. He has also done some exciting collaborations with Bira Beer as their Culinary Ambassador & as Concept Chef of Insignia cinemas for INOX, India.

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