

Centralized Expertise for National Growth

the potential of the modern bakery café

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Our country is one that constantly searches for better and more efficient options. It's a constant drive for improvement that's aided the nation in creating an economic engine without historical parallels. That urge for progress has helped make today's **bakery café franchise industry** a business that **generates over \$30 billion in annual revenue** and is a daily destination for customers in every state.

The bakery café itself has long been part of the American landscape. The thought of ducking into a small shop and taking the time out of the day to enjoy a **delicious confection** is a concept that's been with us for as long as there have been cities. But **individual expertise and energy can differ from shop to shop.**

A bakery café brand that operates from a centralized baking facility has the tools to help serve great-tasting delicacies, in every location.



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Introduction

The Traditional Café

Many of us have a favorite spot to stop and pick up coffee and a baked treat every day. It's part of the country's traditions, and can often be an **oasis of calm and quiet** in an increasingly hectic world. The bakery café is a fixture in all U.S. cities, connects us to centuries of heritage, and has served as a destination for generations of citizens.

A hallmark of many of these small, highly individualized corner shops and bakeries is consistency and a dedication to excellence, and that's thanks to the people behind the pastries. It takes a person with deep craft knowledge and the drive to deliver the best product, every time, to build a bakery café that can bring in loyal customers.



A Centralized Solution

With so many people across the country enjoying the scents, flavors, and warm, welcoming environment of the bakery café, it's not uncommon to see brands expand from a single location to multiple bakeries across a city or region.

The traditional approach to expansion and franchising might be a difficult fit for bakery cafés that want to preserve **individualized expertise** and a **personal touch**, qualities that made them a cherished local institution. But there's a franchising option that can allow for business growth while maintaining strict standards for excellence.

A central baking facility aids in establishing a reliable vendor network, can help reduce overall expenses by eliminating costly duplications, and helps to ensure that every pastry gets the same **loving care** and **expert attention** that customers have come to expect.

Baked goods is a global market, serving millions of customers across the world. The industry has seen steady growth for years, and is expected to continue that trend with a worldwide combined annual growth rate of 2.6% for the next five years.



Essential Industry Insights

- Bakery cafés in the U.S. have seen steady expansion for years, with a 3.6% revenue increase in 2021 alone.
- It's not just bakery cafés that have seen consistent growth, either. U.S. bakeries are projected to <u>continue their</u> <u>growth trend</u> through at least 2027.
- The baking industry as a whole is a huge part of the U.S. economy, and pays more than \$37.8 billion annually in direct wages.
- It's more than wages, too. Bakers <u>are</u> <u>responsible for almost 2.5%</u> of the national gross domestic product.
- Bakery cafés are big business in this country, with a projected market size for the industry of <u>almost</u> <u>\$12 billion and growing</u>.
- The bakery café industry is adding new locations every year as well, and currently has more than 9,100 locations across all 50 states.

The economic impact of baking in the United States is \$154.28 billion.

The total economic impact of baked goods produced and sold specifically in the United States is \$480.47 billion.

Advantages of a Franchise System

Becoming a Bakery Café Franchise Owner

Owning a bakery café franchise can be an exciting thought. The idea of managing a place the way we like, becoming our own boss, and forging a path instead of following others can be the right option to help us become the next generation of business leaders.

Getting a pâtisserie franchise up and running is an attractive idea, but the business portion of doing so is an aspect that can go overlooked, and it's as essential as having a great idea. It takes know-how and energy to start a business, and the costs can add up quickly. **Real estate**, **payroll**, **staffing**, **taxes**, **equipment**, **design**, **training**, **maintenance**, **customer outreach**, and **marketing** are just a few of the concerns a new owner needs to stay on top of.

Franchise Support and Training

To begin with, **what is a franchise?** The textbook definition of a franchise is a business system where potential franchise owners pay a fee to utilize and grow an existing brand. The transaction is regulated by the Federal Trade Commission for the protection of both parties, and a Franchise Agreement spells out the intricacies of the deal.

In other words, a franchisor has built the foundation for you. Typical franchisors provide awarded franchisees with the business blueprint for operations and training, along with a wealth of support that can include everything from site selection guidance, to technology and marketing tools, to training.

Most importantly, a franchisor is obligated to disclose initial costs and ongoing fees so you'll have a good idea of what the business will cost before you even get started.





Taking the steps toward owning a franchise is called "doing your due diligence," and may include:





The Le Macaron French Pastries Franchise Opportunity

Le Macaron French Pastries is a brand that sells French confections and more, paired with the perfect coffee and served in an environment that brings the **culture**, **passion**, and **elegance** of the French pâtisserie to cities across the U.S. Our **centralized baking facilities**, and insistence on using only the **best available ingredients** helps to ensure that every customer who visits enjoys a small taste of France.

Le Macaron French Pastries believes that for every guest, the first bite should be a surprise, the second flavor, and the third a pleasure. It's our trademark, and guides our brand development. We prepare our delectables fresh daily, under the watchful gaze of our **expert chefs**, and deliver them to our franchisees to provide them with the kind of treats our customers crave.

Le Macaron French Pastries: Support for a Lifetime

The Brand:

We serve delicious pastries and beverages, made with love and care at a central bakery and delivered daily to our franchise owners. Our décor and environment evoke a visit to a café in Paris and give our guests a respite from the rush and bustle of the everyday.

The Market:

Our guests come from every walk of life and a wide range of social and economic groups, and the customer pool includes daily regulars, visitors, and special events.

The Product:

Our baked goods come from a place of love, and we serve gourmet chocolates, authentic French gelato, and the highest-quality coffees, teas, and other beverages to accompany them.

The Heritage:

We know macarons and other delectables from a lifetime of experience enjoying and creating them, and we use that tradition and knowledge to build a brand devoted to bringing the flavors and culture of the French pastry shop to cities across the nation.



How We Support Our Franchise Owners

Le Macaron French Pastries understands that a brand is best positioned for growth when their owners know that they'll get robust backing when they need it. We've built a franchise our customers love, and we're ready for the future.

- A flexible franchise model to give each owner the right setup for their situation
- Meaningful training to bring owners and staff up to speed on the Le Macaron way
- In-person assistance to help our owners open their doors and get started
- Ongoing support to deliver assistance that matters, whenever it's needed

- A unique culture that evokes the spirit of the French café and keeps our guests coming back
- Central operations to reduce local overhead and footprint
- Marketing and social media campaigns to raise awareness and connect owners with their community





Join Us

For more information on how you can become a franchise owner with Le Macaron French Pastries, contact us today!

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