

Chick-fil-A Expanding Its Reach Worldwide

America's favorite chicken sandwich is about to become an international export.

Chick-fil-A—in addition to announcing it's adding more than 3,000 restaurant locations across the U.S. and Puerto Rico—revealed it is opening eateries in London, Liverpool, Leeds and Belfast.

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The five locations in the U.K. will be “both licensed and locally owned and operated models,” the Atlanta-based chain announced in a press release in late September.

“Serving communities is at the heart of everything we do, and we look forward to bringing Chick-fil-A's delicious food and signature hospitality to Belfast, Leeds, Liverpool and London, and continuing our long-term investment in the U.K.,” said Anita Costello, chief international officer for Chick-fil-A. “From job creation to supporting local causes, we are excited about the positive impact our first restaurants will have in the communities they serve.”

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In celebration of the new European based locations, the popular American brand announced it would donate £25,000—or \$32,600—to local nonprofits in each city.

And the franchise owners of each new location will have the opportunity to participate in the Chick-fil-A Shared Table

program, giving restaurant owners the opportunity to donate leftover food to local shelters, food banks, soup kitchens and other nonprofits. According to Chick-fil-A, last year's initiative served more than seven million meals throughout North America.

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