

## Bojangles to Bring its Southern Chicken Back to New York City with 20-unit Deal

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Bojangles is returning to New York City.

The Southern chicken chain signed an agreement to open 20 locations over the next 10 years in the New York metropolitan area.

Bojangles' first location is expected to open this winter in

a 3,100-square-foot space located at 5910 Church Ave. in Brooklyn's East Flatbush neighborhood.

"East Flatbush is a vibrant community that aligns perfectly with our brand's spirit and hospitality," Bojangles CEO Jose Armario said in an email statement. "The demand for bold, authentic Southern flavors is stronger than ever, and we're eager to share that experience with New York again."

The Charlotte, North Carolina-based chain previously opened a restaurant in Manhattan in 1982; it closed a few years later. Restaurant owner and operator Habib Hashimi and Hashimi Holding Corp. are behind this new 20-unit deal that will bring Bojangles back to New York City.

In addition to East Flatbush, Bojangles plans to open restaurants in Long Island's Farmingville and Bayshore communities as well as other areas throughout the metro. The chain anticipates that the next restaurant opening will be sometime next year, followed by a third in 2028.

Founded in 1977, Bojangles is known for its breakfast and Southern-style chicken, biscuits and tea. In new markets, its menu features boneless chicken with hand-breaded Bo's Chicken Biscuit and a variety of biscuit sandwiches for breakfast as well as Bo's Chicken Sandwich and Bo's Chicken Tenders for lunch and dinner.

Currently, the chain has more than 800 restaurants across 21 states.