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Ohio-Based Pizza Franchise Hits New Landmark in a Major Market

Development Team Opens 10th Romeo's Pizza Location in Columbus Area Agreement

MEDINA, Ohio – (December 08, 2020) – [Romeo's Pizza](#), the award-winning franchise that offers pizza with a purpose reaches a new development landmark in Ohio with the launch of a 10th Columbus-area location as part of a franchise territory agreement. The franchise development operation is being executed by a team of three Pizza Champions who have a shared background in both the franchising and pizza industries.

The recent expansion of Romeo's in Columbus has been led in part by a trio of developers who have experience working in a business development capacity with other rising pizza franchises. Chris Beattie, Garry Hager, and Jeff Van Cleef all have roots in Columbus, where they each began their journeys as entry-level employees of competing pizza companies before joining the Romeo's team.

Beyond their confidence in their agreement with Romeo's to deliver from an economic and business development standpoint, the team found the unmatched value, strong company identity, and high-quality handcrafted excellence of Romeo's product to be key aspects of their decision to partner with the growing pizza franchise.

"We're excited to continue building off the success that Romeo's has already found in Ohio," says Garry Hager. "With our next Romeo's Pizza location landing in the Columbus market, we know that customers expect a high-quality product in a convenient and accessible format, especially from a company that gives back to their community. We're proud to deliver on all fronts with Romeo's."

The team was encouraged by the efforts of Romeo's Pizza CEO, Ryan Rose, to unify the company with a strong digital backbone, a renewed commitment to their Core Values, and a franchisee-first focus that began taking shape in 2015.

"Columbus has a rich history of pizza companies that have found success within the market," says Ryan Rose. "We work very closely with all of our franchise partners and local Pizza Champions to ensure a smooth onboarding, planning, and execution process for all Romeo's Pizza locations. With the in-depth connections and industry experience that Garry, Jeff, and Chris bring to the table, we're confident that their impact on Columbus and their future success with Romeo's Pizza is all but assured."

Romeo's Pizza has a successful, established base within Ohio that the development team is looking to build on with their aggressive development plans. With 30 Romeo's Pizza locations included in the area agreement, the team has their sights on expanding their roster of locations westward to Indiana within the coming years.

Romeo's Pizza is recognized by Entrepreneur as a Top Food Franchise and by Pizza Today as one of the Top 100 Pizza Companies in the United States. The company plans to launch 60 franchise locations by the end of 2021, with the goal of reaching 250 total locations in the next five years.

For more information about Romeo's Pizza, visit <https://www.romeospizza.com/>.

About Romeo's Pizza

Founded in 2001 in Medina, Ohio, Romeo's Pizza is an award-winning, food-first, pizza community. With 44 open locations and counting, the growing international franchise delivers handcrafted excellence through our local pizza champions.

Romeo's Pizza delivers purpose-driven, handcrafted excellence through our team of local pizza champions. We believe pizza is always the answer. We deliver sweet smiles, one slice at a time. We will positively impact our communities and environment through our Pizza with a Purpose initiative. This initiative supports local, national and worldwide organizations that believe in making a positive impact on people and our planet.

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