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Food Innovators Holdings opens its first yakitori-focused Japanese izakaya, HAKATA YAKITORI YOKAYOKADO, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- Launch of the Group's first Japanese izakaya-style yakitori restaurant, expanding its Food Retail Business ("**FRB**") portfolio with a Hakata-style dining concept.
- Established through a 50:50 joint venture with Yaruki Company Co., Ltd., an experienced Japanese izakaya operator with eight outlets in Tokyo.
- Brings the Group's restaurant portfolio in Malaysia to nine outlets, reinforcing its capital-efficient growth strategy with a yakiniku concept planned for launch in January 2027 under the same partnership.

Singapore, 20 August 2026 – Food Innovators Holdings Limited ("**FIH**", or together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**"), which focuses on Japanese cuisine across Asia, is pleased to announce that HAKATA YAKITORI YOKAYOKADO (the "**Restaurant**"), the Group's first yakitori izakaya, opened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 1 July 2026.

HAKATA YAKITORI YOKAYOKADO offers a casual izakaya-style dining experience centred on Hakata-style yakitori. Beyond its skewers, the menu features signature dishes including mizutaki hot pot, a specialty of Fukuoka, and donabe clay-pot rice, along with small plates and a curated selection of Japanese sake. Most dishes are served on Arita ware, the premium porcelain from Kyushu, Japan.



The Restaurant was established through a 50:50 joint venture with Yaruki Company Co., Ltd. (“**Yaruki**”), an experienced Japanese izakaya operator with a track record in Tokyo. Under the collaboration, Yaruki contributes its operational and product development expertise, while the Group applies its local market knowledge to support the Restaurant’s launch and growth in Malaysia.

The Restaurant is located at Chow Kit, a heritage lifestyle precinct near Bukit Bintang in central Kuala Lumpur, and benefits from a street-front setting amid independent boutiques and greenery that sets it apart from conventional shopping-mall outlets. The location also draws high visitor footfall in one of the city’s busiest shopping and dining districts.

Spanning about 1,500 square feet with a seating capacity of 61, the Restaurant offers a casual dining experience centred on Hakata-style yakitori and izakaya small plates. Following this opening, the Group and Yaruki plan to introduce a yakiniku concept in January 2027, adjacent to the existing outlet under the same partnership.

Mr Kubota Yasuaki, Chief Executive Officer of FIH, commented: ***“The opening of HAKATA YAKITORI YOKAYOKADO is another step in our FRB growth strategy. By partnering with established operators such as Yaruki, we can expand our portfolio in a capital-efficient way while adding new Japanese cuisine and dining culture. With rising tourism and cross-border connectivity in Malaysia, we plan to introduce a yakiniku concept in January 2027, broadening our portfolio in this key market.”***

The opening of HAKATA YAKITORI YOKAYOKADO follows the Group’s expansion in Malaysia, including the launch of Honolu Ramen at Tun Razak Exchange and its fourth KANBE Ramen outlet in Kuala Lumpur. With this addition, the Group has a portfolio of 9 restaurants in Malaysia, bringing Japanese dining concepts to a wider audience across the region.

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About Food Innovators Holdings Limited ("FIH")

Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore on 14 November 2019, FIH is principally engaged in (a) the Restaurant Leasing and Subleasing Business, focusing on matching properties and tenants in the restaurant business in Japan; and (b) the Food Retail Business across Japan, Singapore, and Malaysia.

Drawing on its extensive knowledge of the Japanese F&B industry through the Restaurant Leasing and Subleasing Business, the Group has evolved as an experienced restaurant operator with a focus on curating quality traditional Japanese and Japanese-inspired European cuisines. In addition, its years of experience enable the Group to provide one-stop consulting services for existing and prospective restaurant tenants.

As of the announcement date, the Group manages a total of 233 subleased properties in Japan. In addition, the Group has 33 restaurants in its brand portfolio, comprising 14 restaurants in Japan, 10 restaurants in Singapore, as well as 9 restaurants in Malaysia.

For more information, please visit FIH's website at <https://fih.sg/>

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