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Checkers & Rally's Extending Fast Food Footprint To Pittsburgh

The chain plans to open two-dozen drive-thru restaurants in southwestern Pennsylvania.

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PITTSBURGH, PA - Tampa-based fast food chain Checkers & Rally's Restaurants Inc. is in expansion mode and plans to add two dozen Pittsburgh locations, a company spokesperson announced Wednesday.

The company, which operates two differently named eateries with the same menu - Checkers and Rally's, currently has 870 restaurants nationwide. The company is adding another 76 this year and plans another hundred in 2019.

That aggressive expansion is possible in part because the company's 1,000-square-foot restaurants are modular units. They are built off-site and delivered to locations ready to open with cooking equipment already installed and utensils stored in drawers.

"Before this smaller footprint design, these lots were never able to generate money. Now franchisees are able to open restaurants in smaller spaces and with a quicker development timeline, allowing for tremendous growth and success for the brand."

The modular restaurants are primarily drive-thru. They have walk-up windows as well, but generally do not have seating areas.

Checkers & Rally's menu features burgers, hot dogs, chicken, fish and wings.