







# Welcome

Ritter's Frozen Custard is excited about your interest in our brand and joining the most exciting frozen custard and burger concept in the world. This brochure will provide you with information that will encourage you to become a Ritter's Frozen Custard franchisee.

Ritter's is changing the way America eats frozen custard and burgers by offering ultra-premium products.

Ritter's is a highly desirable and unique concept that is rapidly expanding as consumers seek more desirable food options. For the first time, we have positioned ourselves into the burger segment by offering an ultra-premium burger that appeals to the lunch, dinner and late night crowds. If you are an experienced restaurant operator who is looking for the next big opportunity, we would like the opportunity to share more with you about our franchise opportunities.

The next step in the process is to complete a confidential **No Obligation** application. You will find the application attached with this brochure & it should only take you 20 to 30 minutes to complete.

Thank you for your interest in joining the Ritter's Frozen Custard franchise team!

Sincerely,

The Ritter's Team





# All success stories have a wonderful beginning

In 1948, John Ritter of Chicago, Illinois, had an after-school job working at a local ice cream shop. One of the best perks of the job was getting to eat ice cream just out of the machine—before it had been packed and frozen solid. The experience of tasting smooth, creamy, fresh-made Frozen Custard made an indelible impression on young John.

Years went by, John joined the Navy and became an aerial photographer, and then started a career in film animation after leaving the service. John met and married Bonny, and together they built a life in Chicago where they raised six children. After 35 years in animation production, John decided to retire.

Upon hearing about John's impending retirement, one of his sons said to him: "Every time we stopped at an ice cream shoppe you said you'd like to own one someday. This is your chance."

Remembering his high school experience with fresh ice cream, John decided to open a genuine, old-fashioned ice cream shoppe. One that would serve premium ice cream, made fresh all day long. Of course, John's high standards required him to create just the right recipe, so he and Bonny began to travel and sample ice cream products throughout the Midwest, the East and beyond.

The more the Ritters learned about ice cream, the more they leaned toward an ultra-premium ice cream called "Frozen Custard," developed by the French over 100 years ago. After perfecting their own Frozen Custard recipe, John and Bonny opened the first Ritter's Frozen Custard shoppe in Franklin, Indiana, in 1989.

Today, Ritter's Frozen Custard is headquartered in New York City, NY with shoppes all across the Midwest. You can also find us in other parts of the country, including Florida and Texas.





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# product categories CUSTARD BURGERS GLACIERS





# HOT DOGS







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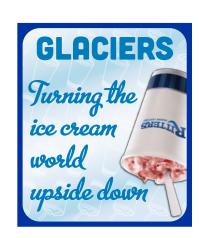
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BURGERS

Love at



ADD TOPPINGS

ADD NUTS



#### menu boards

CONES & DI	SHES	SUNDAES		
WRFFLE CONE One Scoop	\$0.00	STRAWBERRY DELIGHT Strawberries and Sugar Waters	\$0.00	
Two Scoops Three Scoops DIPPED WAFFLE CONE	\$0.00 \$0.00	MUD SUNDAE Chocolate Frozen Custard, Chocolate Syrup, Manhmallow Creme and Oreo <sup>®</sup> Cookies	\$0.00	
One Scoop Two Scoops	\$0.00 \$0.00	GRIZZLY CUB SPECIAL Hot Fudge and Speeish Pearvuts	\$0.00	
Three Scoops CAKE CONE One Scoop	\$0.00 \$0.00	TURTLE SUNDAE Hot Fudge, Hot Caramel and Toasted Peanuts STRAWBERRY	\$0.00	
Two Scoops Three Scoops	\$0.00 \$0.00	SHORTCAKE Vanilla Frozen Custard, Fresh Strawberries	\$0.00	
DISHES One Scoop Two Scoops	\$0.00 \$0.00	and Strawberry Sauce on Cake BROWNIE SUNDAE Chocolate Brownie and Hot Fudge	\$0.00	
Three Scoops	\$0.00	PEANUT BUTTER MOUNTAIN	\$0.00	
CREATE YOUR OW		Peanut Butter Sauce and Reese's" Peanut Butter Cups		
ONE SCOOP TWO SCOOPS THREE SCOOPS	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	BANANA SPLIT Chocolate Synup, Straubernies, Piceapple and Toxeted Pecans	\$0.00	

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and Toasted Pecans	
KIDS FAVORITES	
WORMS 'N DIRT SUNDAE	\$0.00
KID'S CRUNCH SUNDAE	\$0.00
MONKEY IN THE MIDDLE SUNDRE	\$0.00
COOKIE DOUGH Rockslide Sundae	\$0.00



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BURGERS					
AMERICAN CHEESE, GREEN LEA	F				
LETTUCE, PLUM TOMATO AND					
RITTER'S SAUCE SERVED ON A 1	TOASTED,				
BUTTERED POTATO BUN					
SINGLE PATTY	\$0.00				
DOUBLE PATTY	\$0.00				
PREMIUM ADD-ONS					
CHILI	\$0.00				
PEPPERS	\$0.00				
CHEESE SAUCE	\$0.00				
APPLEWOOD					
SMOKED BACON	\$0.00				
FREE TOPPINGS					
AND SAUCES					
LETTUCE	TOMATO				

PICKLES YELLOW PICKLED JALAPEÑOS MAYONNAISE SWEET RELISH KETCHUP RITTER'S SAUCE SPICY MUSTARD



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BACON & CHEESE FRIES \$0.00

HOT DOGS





SMALL	\$0.00
REGULAR	\$0.00
LARGE	\$0.00
EXTRA MIX-	N \$.00
MIX-INS	
CAKE BATTER	R PINEAPPLE
STRAWBERRY	MARSHMALLOW
BANANA	SPRINKLES
WILD CHERRY	COCONUT
PEACH	BLACK
PEANUT	RASPBERRY
BUTTER	RED
CHOCOLATE	RASPBERRY
CHIPS	COOKIE DOUGH
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SHAKES	
ADD EXTRA TOPPINGS AND NUTS	TO
CREATE YOUR OWN	
REGULAR	\$0.00
	1000000
LARGE	\$0.00
ADD MALT	\$.00
SMOOTHIES	
REGULAR	\$0.00
LARGE	\$0.00
Cappuccino (Plain, Caramel, Mocha)	
Mocha Chip	
Mint Mocha Chip	
Mint Chocolate Chip	
Strawberry Creme	
Strawberry Banana	
Mango	
ITALIAN ICE	
ITALIAN MIST	
Regular	\$0.00
Large	\$0.00
GELATI	
Regular	\$0.00
Large	\$0.00
GELATI BLEND	
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Vanilla Frozen Custard • Fresh Waffle Cone • Rich Chocolate • Sprinkles







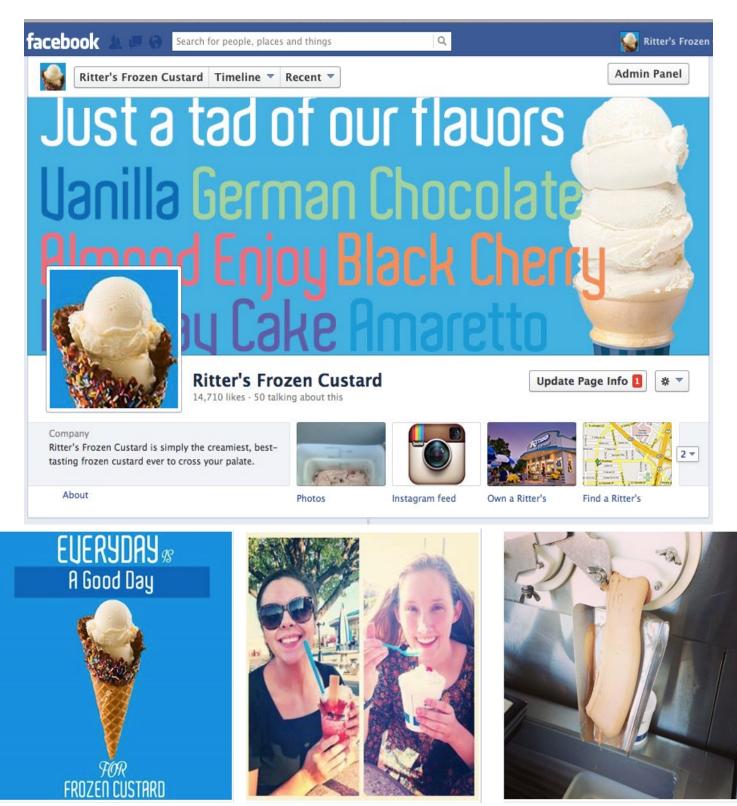
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# social media strategy







#### Web strategy







#### facts...

- Founded 1989
- ultra-premium custard (now adding gourmet burger to menu)
- acquired by trufoods, llc in 2008
- 25 units in 5 states
- targeting growth in texas, florida, indiana, ohio, ny, nj, and select international markets
- foot print: 1900 to 2500 sq. ft
- term 10 year primary lease
- end cap-or-in line-or-free standing
- patio seating preferred
- servicing multi-daypart: lunch dinner after dinner
- typical turnkey investment: End-cap and in-line: \$358,000 to \$589,400 free standing: \$469,000 to \$899,500
- \*These are estimates only. your cost may vary.



I was a "corporate America" guy, with the same company for 27 years. I was in charge of a customer service data center and also worked in information technology. I didn't want to be at the mercy of a large company, of downsizing, middle management changes and all that. After all those years, I decided that I didn't want to live in the corporate world and began looking for franchise information on the Internet. I even sent for information from one of the large ice cream franchises. When my brother found out I was looking at an ice cream franchise, he told me

about Ritter's. When I visited the shoppe in Beavercreek, I was really excited about what I saw. Great products, neat, clean building and patio. I like taking care of my own business. I like opening in the morning, greeting my customer and talking with them. I guess I'm a "people person" and this is the perfect place for me. I have fun with my crew. I like working with energetic kids who like to serve my customers with a smile.

The Ritter's system fits who I am. It's about customer focus, the best products, the cleanest environment. I feel like the training and practical experience produced by Ritter's has made the difference in business management, labor management and much more. Ritter's has been very supportive of my business. I'm glad I'm in business for myself, not invest my life in someone else's business.

#### **Brent & Sue Goings**

Before we became Ritter's franchisees, I worked at a large daycare center for a school district. Over the years we started talking about opening our own business. We stated looking at difference franchises, including a bakery franchise. When my father-in-law heard that we were looking at franchise opportunities, he called us and said: "You need to come down and have a look at Ritter's Frozen Custard!" Not long after, we drove down to Indianapolis and tried Ritter's. We were very impressed by the surroundings, the friendly people and especially the product. It was just what we were looking for. "Something very good and very different."

In our first year, there was a learning curve, but we became more and more efficient and felt we were ready to grow. When it came time to open our second shoppe, we realized how important it was to add experienced managers so we could focus on growing our business. It has been a very good transition.

Ritter's is a fun place to work and those long lines during our peak months really make the time go by quickly. The hours are pretty good compared to other foodservice concepts. Also, the flexibility of owning your own business makes it great for family life. We are able to spend more time with our kids and enjoy our lives move.





# FAQ's

#### Q. How much money can I make as Rittter's franchisee?

Income level is dependent upon sales volume, the investment, cost, and how well you manage your restaurant and control variable costs. Because of these variables, there is a range in the amount of profit or loss you might expect. Each community provides a unique situation that makes it extremely difficult to project income levels.

#### Q. How much does it cost to open a Ritter's franchise?

The total investment required to open a Ritter's Frozen Custard Shoppe varies depending upon store type. A strip (inline) center investment ranges between \$358,500 and \$589,400, depending upon square footage and location. The investment for a freestanding prototype is between \$496,000 and \$899,500 plus land and site development cost. These figures are based on historic data and include the franchise fee, leasehold improvement, furniture, fixtures, equipment, signage, insurance, and initial inventory. Due to changing conditions, regulations and local construction procedures, there can be no guarantee that costs will not exceed those shown.

#### Q. How much of the investment would have to be in cash?

Depending upon your financial situation, the bank may finance up to 85% of the projected start-up cost for a free standing project and 75% of a strip center type location. Ritter's does not offer financing, but we can guide you to potential financing sources.

#### Q. I would like to have multiple units, how can I get this done?

If you have multi-unit franchise experience, it is Ritter's policy to grant single-unit franchises, unless if you have foodservice or management experience. If a single-unit franchisee has been open for six months or more and is in good standing with TRUFOODS, LLC, we will consider granting an area development agreement for additional shoppes.

# Q. Does Ritter's help me find a location, and what should I look for when considering a site?

Real estate assistant is provided for all franchisees. A site selection professional will work with you, as well as with local brokers or developers, to evaluate sites in your market and help identify the proper location for your new Ritter's Frozen Custard shoppe. The most successful locations have high traffic counts, good visibility, as well as high residential and daytime population density.

#### Q. What are the franchise fees involved in owning a Ritter's?

The franchise fee is \$25,000, which is due upon execution of the franchise agreement. Royalties are 5% of gross sales and paid weekly. There is also a 2% Brand Development Fund contribution that





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must be paid weekly as well. In addition, you are required to invest a minimum of 3% of gross sales over a 12-month period for local shoppe marketing and advertising. Development fees for multiple shoppes are additional.

#### Q. What kind of training will I receive from Ritter's?

All franchisees must successfully complete up to a 14 day training program at a certified training store. The program will corver day-to-day operations, cost controls, staffing, labor controls and management skills. All the training will take place in an operating shoppe. To assist in your opening period, we will send one of our Franchise Business Consultants to your shoppe for 7-10 days. Ritter's also hosts an annual franchisee, which brings franchise owners together to discuss opportunities to improve skills and business profitability. It also allows RFC to communicate with all franchises about new product marketing issues, and operational improvements.

#### Q. What form of continuing operational guidance will I receive?

In addition to your initial training period, Ritter's will provide a support team that will coach you in various facets of construction, equipment, marketing, advertising, staffing, and training. Ritter's Executive Director of Operations will also make regular visits to counsel you on business issues such as operating procedures, inventory, cost control, profitability, and marketing. To ensure consistency, you will have the right to use our Operations Manuals and will be provided with marketing and operational updates.

#### Q. What is the term of my franchise?

The initial term is 10 years, which will automatically renew, for franchisees in good standing.

#### Q. What is the next step?

Please, complete our no obligation application attached in this email. If your initial information is consistent with our guidelines, we will call to schedule a executive team interview. Simply complete the form and send it to the TRUFOODS, LLC office. After our Development Officer reviews your Franchise Application, we will contact you to set up a personal meeting and proceed to confirm your qualifications as a Ritter's franchisee.





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