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## McDonald's to open 45 outlets in South India

**CHENNAI:** Food service retailer

McDonald's plans to open 45 outlets in the Southern states over the next three years, a top company official said on Wednesday. The company was presently having 25 outlets in the country. With the launch of new outlets in the four southern states, it would have close to 70 outlets in the next three years, promoters of McDonald's range of restaurants, Hardcastle Restaurants, southern region-director Ranjith Paliath said at the inauguration of their 25th outlet here. Stating that the food industry was not much affected by the recession, he said out of the proposed 45 outlets in Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, 15 would come up in Chennai.