

Rebranded Russian McDonald's Picks New Logo Ahead of Re-Opening

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McDonald's Russian owner has picked a new logo, menu and app name ahead of its reopening under a new brand this month, the company <u>confirmed</u> to state media Thursday.

The U.S. fast food giant recently ended its three-decade presence in Russia after it sent troops into Ukraine, <u>selling</u> all 850 of its locations to a Siberian businessman and franchise partner for an undisclosed sum. It was among the most high-profile out of the nearly 1,000 international business exits in retaliation to the Ukraine invasion.

McDonald's new owner, which <u>changed</u> the chain's corporate name to Sistema PBO last week, has not yet decided on a new brand name, a spokesperson for the company told the state-run TASS news agency.

Two of the eight names under consideration are reportedly "Tot Samyi," which translates as "The Same" or "That One," and "Svobodnaya Kassa" ("Available Cash Register").

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Its menu options will also be tweaked, with Filet-O-Fish becoming "Fish Burger" and Royal Burgers changed to "Grand."

The chain's smartphone app is reportedly expected to launch online sales this Sunday under the name "My Burger."

The new logo design, which has been previously shown as one of several possible options, features a red-orange circle and two orange lines — said to represent two French fries and a burger — against a green background.

"The green background of the logo symbolizes the quality of products and service that our guests are accustomed to," the Sistema PBO spokesperson told TASS.

The spokesperson added that the chain is already launching an advertising campaign with the new logo on Thursday despite still looking for a name.

Fifteen of the rebranded restaurants are set to reopen in Moscow this Sunday, followed by 200 more locations across Russia at the end of June.

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