Dunkin’ Donuts Brand Milestones

1946  Bill Rosenberg invests $5,000, forms Industrial Luncheon Services.
1948  Bill Rosenberg opens donut restaurant “Open Kettle” on Southern Artery in
       Quincy, Massachusetts.
1950  “Open Kettle” name changed to Dunkin’ Donuts.
1955  First franchise agreement signed and executed in Worcester, Massachusetts.
1960  Bill Rosenberg becomes one of the founders of the International Franchising
       Association (IFA).
1963  100th Dunkin’ Donuts restaurant opens.
1966  Dunkin’ Donuts University (DDU) is created.
1970  First overseas Dunkin’ Donuts restaurant opens in Japan.
1972  Munchkins® donut hole treats are introduced.
1978  Dunkin’ Donuts introduces freshly baked muffins.
       First network TV commercials are aired.
1979  1,000th U.S. Dunkin’ Donuts restaurant opens.
1980  Largest Dunkin’ Donuts restaurant in the world opens in Bangkok, Thailand with
       seating for 130.
1982  Fred the Baker, TIME TO MAKE THE DONUTS®, advertising campaign begins.
1990  Allied Domecq PLC purchases Dunkin’ Donuts.
       2,000th U.S. Dunkin’ Donuts opens.
1995  1,000th international Dunkin’ Donuts restaurant opens in Thailand.
       Hazelnut and French Vanilla coffees are introduced as companions to Dunkin’
       Donuts’ famous original blend.
1996  Dunkin’ Donuts introduces freshly baked bagels.
1997  Dunkin’ Donuts revolutionizes the summer beverage category with the
       introduction of Coffee Coolatta® slush drinks.
       Dunkin’ Donuts introduces breakfast sandwiches.
1999  In March, Dunkin’ Donuts celebrates its eight billionth cup of coffee sold since opening its doors in 1950.

2000  Dunkin’ Donuts opens its 5,000th worldwide restaurant in Bali, Indonesia.

Dunkin’ Donuts celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Dunkin’ Donuts introduces hot chocolate and the Dunkaccino®.

2003  Dunkin’ Donuts launches an espresso revolution with a new line of espressos, lattes and cappuccinos.

2004  Dunkin’ Donuts moves its headquarters to Canton, Massachusetts.

2005  Dunkin’ Donuts introduces nine sugar-free flavors of iced coffee.

Dunkin’ Donuts unveils a new prototype restaurant design in Pawtucket, Rhode Island — a glimpse into the future look and feel of the brand. The contemporary design includes retro elements inspired by the very first restaurant built in 1950.


Dunkin’ Donuts launches the “America Runs on Dunkin'” marketing campaign.

Dunkin’ Donuts and JetBlue Airways announce partnership.

Dunkin’ Donuts Original Blend Coffee and Dunkin’ Decaf® become the official JetBlue in-flight coffee.

Dunkin’ Brands, together with its franchisees, establishes The Dunkin’ Donuts & Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation to address critical hunger, children's health and safety needs in local communities.

2007  Dunkin’ Donuts partners with Procter & Gamble to launch Dunkin’ Donuts coffee at retail outlets, including supermarkets and club stores.

Dunkin’ Donuts opens its first restaurant in Taiwan, representing the first step in its China expansion strategy.

Dunkin’ Donuts announces partnerships with Hess Corporation and Sara Lee Corporation, bringing Dunkin’ Donuts coffee to new, nontraditional foodservice locations.

2008  Dunkin’ Donuts launches its all-day oven-toasted menu, featuring flatbread sandwiches and hash browns.

Dunkin’ Donuts first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified restaurant opens in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dunkin’ Donuts’ 500th Korean restaurant opens.

Dunkin’ Donuts opens its first restaurant in Mainland China.
Dunkin’ Donuts launches DDSMART® menu, a line of better-for-you products.

2009
Dunkin’ Donuts named BrandWeek Magazine “Marketer of the Year.”
Dunkin’ Donuts opens its first restaurants in Guangdong Region of China.
Dunkin’ Donuts becomes the official coffee of the Dallas Cowboys and Cowboys Stadium.
Excitement brews in the Caribbean as Dunkin’ Donuts opens its first restaurant in the Bahamas.

2010
Dunkin’ Donuts celebrates its 60th anniversary.
Dunkin’ Donuts introduces Bagel Twists.
Dunkin’ Donuts announces entry into Russian market.
Dunkin’ Donuts unveils first-ever Times Square billboard.
The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and Dunkin’ Donuts dedicate the first Dunkin’ Donuts Bakeshop, located on the CIA campus in San Antonio.

2011:
Dunkin’ Donuts launches new advertising campaign to celebrate the passion of its fans: “I’m Drinkin’ Dunkin’!”
Dunkin’ Donuts announces entry into India, with the first restaurant to open in 2012.
Dunkin’ Donuts opens its 3,000th international restaurant.
Dunkin’ Brands, the parent company of Dunkin’ Donuts and Baskin-Robbins, completes initial public offering and becomes a publicly traded company under the ticker symbol, DNKN, on the Nasdaq.
Dunkin’ K-Cup® pods are made available exclusively at U.S. Dunkin’ Donuts restaurants.
Dunkin’ Donuts enters multi-season sponsorship with ESPN’s Monday Night Countdown.
Dunkin’ Donuts celebrates the opening of its 10,000th restaurant worldwide.

2012:
Dunkin’ Donuts celebrates the opening of its first restaurants in India and Guatemala.

2013:
Dunkin’ Donuts launches the Dunkin’ Mobile® App
Dunkin’ Donuts opens first restaurant in the United Kingdom

2014:
Dunkin’ Donuts launches DD Perks® Rewards Program
Dunkin’ Donuts enters global marketing partnership with Liverpool Football Club
Dunkin’ Donuts launches a new Rainforest Alliance Certified™ Dark Roast Coffee
2015: Dunkin’ Donuts announces entry in Mexico.

Dunkin’ Brands, The J.M. Smucker Company and Keurig expand partnership to make Dunkin’ K-Cup® pods available at retail outlets nationwide and online.

Dunkin’ Donuts unveils plans to introduce new blended beverage platform.

2016: Dunkin’ Donuts opens its 12,000th location in Riverside, California.

Dunkin’ Donuts launches Cold Brew coffee nationwide. The longer brewing process of Dunkin’ Donuts Cold Brew provides a rich, smooth coffee with an inherently sweeter flavor reminiscent of dark chocolate.

Dunkin’ Donuts opens its 100th DD Green™ Achievement restaurant in Foothill Ranch, California.

Dunkin’ Donuts launches On-the-Go Ordering in the Dunkin’ Mobile App, allowing guests to place their order ahead of time through the app and speed past the line in-store to pick up their favorite menu items.

Dunkin’ Donuts launches a new lineup of Premium Hot Teas. The lineup of high-quality full leaf teas and herbal infusions are served in pyramid tea sachets and deliver a stronger cup of tea and a more full bodied tea drinking experience.