



Global Food Solutions appoints Sydney Matias as Director of Food Safety

Further investment in food safety and quality control readies GFS for continued growth

HAUPPAUGE, NEW YORK, USA – February 1, 2024: Global Food Solutions Inc. (“GFS” or the “Company”), one of the nation’s largest providers of nutritious school breakfast and lunch products for kids, today announced it has appointed Sydney Matias as its new Director of Food Safety.

Matias comes to GFS with extensive and highly specialized experience in food safety, research and development, food science, quality control, and Good Manufacturing Practice (“GMP”) certification for Federal Drug Administration (“FDA”) standards. She is Preventive Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) certified and has directly led comprehensive projects spanning food innovation, customer training, and product development.

In her new role with GFS, Matias will enhance and oversee food safety processes, audits (production, facility, and process), quality control, and best practice team training. She will also contribute to food science and food innovation related projects.

“We pride ourselves on upholding the strictest food safety standards and ensuring our products are healthy, safe, and sustainable – meaning only the best quality breakfast and lunch foods are served to kids across America,” said Michael Levine, Chief Executive Officer, GFS. “As we continue to grow and expand production, Sydney will add greater focus to these critical areas of our business while continuing to innovate our product offering. Her expertise and leadership will make our people and processes even stronger, in turn delivering safe, sustainably made, and nutritious foods that kids and customers can rely on.”

Matias is an accomplished food scientist and backs practical expertise with extensive education in food compliance, quality control, bioscience, risk assessment, research and development, and project management.

Prior to joining GFS, she served as a food science and quality control lead for a New York-based global confectionery company, where she oversaw nutritionals and labelling, researched and innovated food products for global market deployment, tested internal materials and equipment, delivered internal food safety training, and led internal FDA audits.

Matias has completed extensive education and training in her field. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree (majoring in bioscience) from Farmingdale State College, a project planning and control certification from Stony Brook University, a chocolate bootcamp certificate from Retail Confectioners International, and a PCQI and Safe Quality Food (SQF) certification from Zosi learning program (spanning SQF code, root cause analysis, risk assessment, internal auditing, food safety culture, corrective and preventive actions, and approved suppliers). She is also experienced in data management and analysis, as well as maintaining safe and sterile lab working environments.



“I see the growth potential with GFS and am excited to be part of its next chapter as the company focuses on scaling production to meet national market demand,” said Matias. “It is the ideal opportunity for me to leverage my technical food science and quality control background with that of innovating food products to meet market needs and trends. As a result, we can thoughtfully develop and deliver exactly what our customers and their customers – kids – are looking for in a big way while keeping our food products safe and delicious.”

Her role is effective immediately and oversees all food safety related to production of new and existing brands of GFS, including RightStart Foods™ school breakfast products, PowerUp™ breakfast meal kits, Alfresco Italian Specialties™, Tijuana Tortilla Company™, Branson’s Roadhouse BBQ™ products, Bentley’s Baked Desserts™, and Harvest Promise™ jellies.

ABOUT GLOBAL FOOD SOLUTIONS, INC.

GFS is a leading American food service provider that develops and distributes affordable, wholesome, and sustainable food products. Today, GFS serves over 7,500 schools and a growing base of healthcare, academic, commercial, military, and hospitality-based institutions. Family owned and operated since 2004, GFS operates in partnership with over twenty production facilities across America and internationally, distributing its products under seven distinct industry-leading brands. For more information, visit GlobalFoodSolutions.CO.

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