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# US Foods Adds Bear Robotics and 7SHIFTS to Check® Business Tools Program to Help Operators Address Labor Challenges

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Company Brings Hospitality Robots and All-In-One Technology Solutions to Operators through Two New Incubator Participants

ROSEMONT, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- US Foods Holding Corp. (NYSE: USFD), one of America's largest foodservice distributors, today announced the addition of two transformative technology offerings to its CHECK® Business Tools program: Bear Robotics and 7shifts. US Foods CHECK Business Tools program provides foodservice operators with a growing suite of technology solutions designed to help drive traffic, simplify staffing and reduce waste. Bear Robotics and 7shifts were ultimately selected to join the US Foods CHECK Business Tools line-up after participating in the company's Innovative Partnerships incubator program with more than 20 restaurant technology companies vying for the opportunity.

US Foods CHECK Business Tools program (Photo: Business Wire)

"Bear Robotics and 7shifts offer highly advanced and meaningful technology solutions that directly address many of the labor challenges our restaurant operators face today," said David Eschler, vice president of culinary and restaurant operations at US Foods. "We know that as the technology space continues to expand in the restaurant industry, operators' technology needs also have rapidly advanced. Providing our customers with access to the latest technologies as part of our CHECK Business Tools program is core to helping our customers 'Make It.' We are energized by the opportunity to share these innovative solutions with operators across the country."

Aligned with the growing trend of automated solutions for addressing labor challenges, Bear Robotics offers "Servi,"

a hospitality robot that helps operators and staff increase efficiency, reduce labor burdens and empower guest interactions. Servi can run food, deliver drinks and bus dishes back to the kitchen, eliminating repetitive service needs so restaurant staff can focus on delivering superior service. Each robot is self-driving and equipped with multiple cameras and LiDar sensors for nimble navigation across any restaurant space.

“The US Foods CHECK Business Tools program allows technology companies like Bear Robotics to be warmly introduced by a trusted US Foods CHECK Business Tools representative who both understands the needs of their customer as well as the benefits of Bear’s technology, to create a trusted solution available to all of their customers,” said Jim Livingston, vice president of sales for Bear Robotics.

7shifts is an all-in-one team management platform that can be used across mobile and desktop, designed specifically for restaurants. The platform provides restaurants with the team management tools they need to succeed, including scheduling, communication, tip management, tasks and more. Since its inception, 7shifts has helped more than 40,000 restaurants of all sizes improve profitability, operational efficiency and team retention.

“We set out to build a team management platform that truly simplifies the lives of restaurant operators, covering all stages of the employee lifecycle - from hiring, training, scheduling, paying and retention,” said Jordan Boesch, CEO, 7shifts. “Our vision and the US Foods CHECK Business Tools program’s vision are very much aligned in that we want to help restaurants win with tools that drive more operational efficiencies with less effort. Becoming part of CHECK Business Tools means arming restaurants with the best restaurant-focused technology that integrates directly into other great products in the US Foods tech stack. The suite of offerings gives operators a more unified solution, leading to a more operationally efficient and successful restaurant.”

Bear Robotics and 7shifts were selected to join the company’s CHECK Business Tools program after participating in the US Foods Innovative Partnerships incubator program. The US Foods incubator program was designed to help the company find the most innovative and proven technology solutions for their customers. The program takes applications twice a year. Potential technology solutions are then selected to participate in regional customer engagement events to demonstrate the solution and gauge operator interest and viability. Following a successful introduction, the solution is eligible to be activated nationally within the CHECK Business Tools program. Current companies taking part in the next US Foods Innovative Partnerships program are:

- **InKind**, a financing platform that provides restaurants with cash in exchange for food and beverage credits, sold to consumers through the inKind app.
- **Kickfin**, a cashless tipping software for restaurants, bars and hotels that sends instant tip payouts directly to employees' bank of choice, 24/7,365.
- **Tablz**, a guest personalization tool that turns diner upgrades into new revenue for restaurants.

For more information about how US Foods is helping customers “Make It” through CHECK Business Tools, visit [usfoods.com/our-services/check](https://usfoods.com/our-services/check).

### **About US Foods**

With a promise to help its customers Make It, US Foods is one of America’s great food companies and a leading foodservice distributor, partnering with approximately 250,000 restaurants and foodservice operators to help their businesses succeed. With 70 broadline locations and more than 80 cash and carry stores, US Foods and its 28,000 associates provides its customers with a broad and innovative food offering and a comprehensive suite of e-commerce, technology and business solutions. US Foods is headquartered in Rosemont, Ill.

Visit [www.usfoods.com](https://www.usfoods.com) to learn more.

### **About Bear Robotics**

Bear Robotics is elevating dining experiences by automating the hard part. By utilizing AI and autonomous robot technology, Bear Robotics deploys robots to take care of everything from drink serving to food running and table bussing, allowing hosts, servers and waitstaff to focus on delivering outstanding service. Headquartered in Redwood City, CA, and Dallas, TX, Bear Robotics’ multi-award-winning robots tackle tough jobs in fine-tuned fashion across a range of restaurants, corporate campuses, ghost kitchens, senior living facilities, and casinos around the globe. Visit [bearrobotics.ai](https://bearrobotics.ai) for more information.

### **About 7shifts**

Founded in 2014, 7shifts is simplifying team management, one shift at a time. The restaurant team management platform is used by over 40,000 restaurants and 1 million restaurant pros. 7shifts provides tools that help restaurateurs make more profitable decisions, improve team retention, and get operations in order. 7shifts is made for everyone — from FOH to BOH — and used by restaurants of all sizes, from independent restaurants to multi-unit brands like Union Square Hospitality, Bareburger, Boka Restaurant Group, Juice It Up!, and Hart House. Learn more or sign up for a free trial at [www.7shifts.com](https://www.7shifts.com). Find us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), [YouTube](#), the [App Store](#), or [Google Play](#).

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