

The Connected Restaurant Program delivers big gains for restaurant chains



The program has digitally transformed restaurant operations, enhanced guest comfort and reduced energy costs for Quick Service Restaurant chains.

The Connected Restaurant Program uses Internet of Things (IoT) edge devices, an Artificial Intelligence (AI) and IoT platform along with human expertise to enable restaurant operators to efficiently manage equipment operations. The service helps deliver quick positive cash-flows and can be scaled from a few hundred restaurants to thousands. The Connected Restaurant Program has 3 major pillars: The Abound[™] Edge system which offers connectivity; and control, the Abound Insights platform which offers predictive actionable insights and autonomous actions, and the Carrier Command Centers which offer 24/7 remote support and proactive actions.

The program enables restaurant operators to collect information from all connected devices such as Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems, refrigerators, cooking equipment and lighting to effectively manage their facilities through predictive insights. Restaurant operators can easily monitor critical components such as air quality, temperature and humidity and help create a better indoor environment. The main aim of the program is to enable restaurant operators to digitally transform their operations - to make them more predictive and proactive. As of December 2023, this service is deployed globally across over **2000** restaurants of multiple leading brands, saving over **93 million kWh across current and completed engagements**, while improving maintenance processes, food safety and occupant comfort. Below are a few case studies, showing the results of using the Connected Restaurant Program as of December 2023.

		A Franchisee in the USA primarily in California and Utah	A Multiple Franchise Operator in India		A Large Foodservice Operator in India
	Connected Network (Results are against respective baselines)	235 Pizza Dining Restaurants	70 Pizza Dining Restaurants	125 Fried Chicken Fast Food Chain	500 Pizza Delivery Chain
	Engagement Period	2017-2022 (6 years)	2014-2022 (8 years)	2016-Ongoing (7+ years)	2014-Ongoing (9+ years)
(Z)	Average Annual Energy savings	13.2%	13.2%	8.2%	7.4%
	Temperature compliance in the Front-of-House area	Average over 85% compliance across 4 years	Over 73% improvement in compliance in a 12-month period in 2022-23 versus the 2021 baseline	Over 26% improvement in compliance in a 12-month period in 2022-23 versus the 2021 baseline	Over 81% improvement in compliance in 2023 versus the 2016 baseline
Ðį.	Temperature Compliance In the Walk-in-Chiller	Average over 74% compliance across 4 years	Over 10% improvement in compliance in 2023 versus the 2021 baseline	Over 18% improvement in compliance in 2023 versus the 2021 baseline	Over 22% improvement in compliance in 2023 versus the 2016 baseline
J.I.	Additional results in 2023	Over 9% reduction in Energy Usage Index (EUI) in 2022 versus the 2017 baseline	Average 33% adherence to the makeline compliance policy across a 12-month period	Over 36% reduction in Energy Usage Index (EUI) in 2023 versus the 2021 baseline	Average 89% adherence to the makeline compliance policy

Here's what the customers had to say about working with us on our Connected Restaurant Program:

One of the nice things is that now we have platform where we could have visibility to all of our restaurants equipment whether it be an oven, an air-conditioner or any other pieces of equipment that we have in the restaurant. They've been great to help us analyze those and recommend little tweaks to the system to save even more energy. Their entire team has been great to work with. I would highly recommend them for anyone looking to use this type of technology in their restaurants.¹⁷

Former CEO & President, The franchisee of pizza restaurants in the USA

**This program enabled us to do more than reduce costs. The actionable insights and remote support we received on aspects like equipment health and temperature deviations, enabled us to improve employee and customer experience. The remote monitoring of equipment health and the remote management for refrigeration and HVAC units helped avoid equipment downtime and increased equipment life. This was particularly useful in avoiding energy and food wastage.⁷⁷

Chief Operating Officer Pizza Dining Restaurant franchisee in India

⁶⁴We deployed their Connected Restaurant program across 150 stores in India. Insights from the platform helped proactively predict the chances of failure in advance. The platform provides us the opportunity to monitor the performance of the equipment and control operations. With the help of the program, we were able to optimize our operations across the network of restaurants.⁷⁷

> Chief Operating Officer, Fried Chicken Fast Food Chain franchisee in India.

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