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## McD franchise holder merges with parent

**Mumbai:Hardcastle Restaurants Pvt**

**Ltd** (HRPL), the McDonald's (McD's) restaurant chain's master franchise for south and west India, Friday announced a consolidation of its business to become a part of the publicly listed family business company **Westlife Development Ltd**, in a filing with BSE. The consolidation will help the BL Jatia group company take advantage of high growth in the quick service restaurant industry, said a company official.

The shares of Westlife Development rose 1.95% to ₹86.20 on Friday on BSE.

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