

# Changing catering perceptions with Foodcase International

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Marc Warde, Special Meal Program Director, Foodcase International

Ambient meals have come a long way from their early days, and [Foodcase International](#) is at the forefront of this evolution, according to Marc Warde, Special Meal Program Director at the company. Once viewed with skepticism, ambient meals are now seen as viable, sustainable and flavourful options for airline catering. Warde highlights how Foodcase International has spent more than a decade refining ambient retort meals to change perceptions.

“If, like me, you were skeptical about food and meals that do not need to be refrigerated or frozen, it is time to reconsider,” Warde says. He explains that modern technology and culinary expertise have enhanced the taste and texture of these meals, making them both satisfying and nutritious.



A mock-up of Foodcase International's ambient potato masala meals on board

Foodcase International offers a range of ambient meals, including curries, pastas and paellas, which have a shelf life of up to 180 days. According to Warde, the meals are easy to serve and come in stylish, eco-friendly packaging. "We bring food science, retort cooking, and culinary expertise together to design and develop delicious flavors," he notes.

Sustainability is another key focus for the company. Warde emphasizes that ambient meals are more environmentally friendly than frozen alternatives, as they require less energy for storage and transportation. "The meals' long shelf-life reduces storage energy, and they should be stored in a dark room, further reducing energy for lighting," he explains.

Looking ahead, Warde envisions ambient meals gaining traction across all cabin classes, including premium offerings. "We look forward to upgrading your meal options while changing old perceptions," he says, signaling a bright future for ambient meals in airline catering.