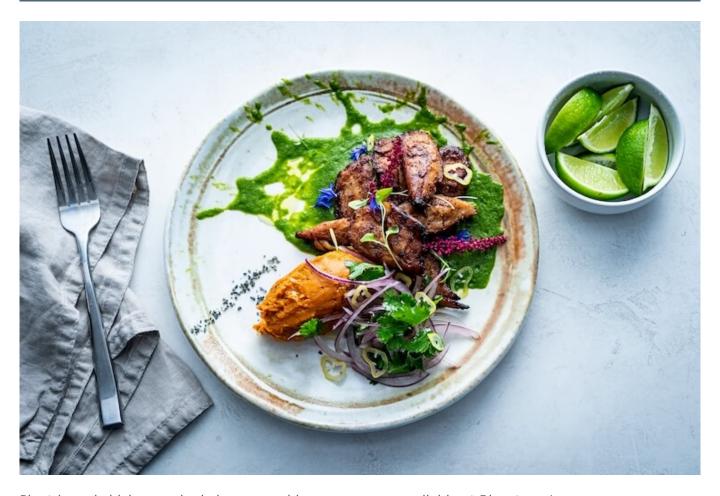
## **Cuisine Solutions partners with Daring Foods for plant-based chicken**



Plant-based chicken cooked via a sous-vide process now available at Bluestone Lane

Cuisine Solutions has informed *PAX International* that it has partnered with <u>Daring Foods</u> to introduce plant-based chicken to Bluestone Lane for the first time. The plant-based chicken will be cooked via a sous-vide process made possible by the partnership with <u>Cuisine Solutions</u>.

"Daring is a uniquely textured and tasty vegan and gluten-free 1:1 substitute for chicken, made through a clean and simple flavor infusion process," the release said. The product uses 50 percent fewer ingredients than market competitors and "is a perfect fit for Bluestone Lane as the cafe brand continues to modernize US coffee culture with an emphasis on premium quality coffee, fresh healthy food and a hyperfocus on creating an optimal customer experience."

"We are thrilled to begin a partnership with such a well-respected restaurant like Bluestone Lane and are honored to be their first plant-based protein offering," Daring's Founder and CEO Ross Mackay said in a recent statement. "We are confident that through this expansion we can show customers just how tasty plant-based swaps can be, and in turn those small changes can make a massive impact."

Bluestone Lane customers are now able to add or swap Daring Plant Chicken to any available menu item. This includes the café's signature salads, bowls, and sandwiches at 25 Bluestone Lane Cafe locations across the U.S. Later this year, Bluestone Lane will unveil a chef-collaborated menu item featuring Daring Plant Chicken at all Cafe locations.

The sous-vide format allows for less preparation time, hot and cold applications, guaranteed product consistency, labor savings, and increased food safety by eliminating the chance of contamination or foodborne illnesses.

"Many of our locals follow a plant-based lifestyle, and we have been looking for the right partner for a plant-based chicken offering," said Nick Stone, Founder and CEO of Bluestone Lane. "Daring's chicken substitute is the perfect fit, thanks to its clean, simple ingredient profile and process, as well as its delicious flavor and texture that complements many of our most popular menu items. We are excited to expand our plant-based protein selections to continue to delight our locals."

As a brand that prides itself in products that are better for people, animals, and the planet, Daring's mission aligns with Bluestone Lane which also prioritizes environmentally friendly and health-forward offerings. Currently, the cafe provides full table service for all-day breakfast, brunch, lunch, and early evening appetizers in beautifully designed spaces.