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High profile additions to the Global Cooksafe Coalition

MELBOURNE – 20 November 2024 – Today, the [Global Cooksafe Coalition](#) (GCC) welcomed the [Curry Queen](#) Manpreet Sekhon as its newest chef ambassador and ISPT as its latest property partner.

A unique coalition of world-renowned chefs, global property companies, public health and climate experts, the GCC calls for an accelerated move away from cooking with fossil fuels to transition to healthier, affordable and safer electric kitchens in both businesses and homes.

In addition to Manpreet, the GCC's chef ambassadors include Peter Gilmore, Neil Perry, Danielle Alvarez, Andrew McConnell, Joseph Abboud and Victor Liong. All of them support the transition to electric cooking and believe induction technology offers a superior cooking experience while helping to protect our health and the planet.

ISPT joins existing GCC Australia property partners, GPT, Lendlease, Frasers Property, Cbus Property, International Towers and Scape in the Coalition. Each of these businesses has committed to building fossil fuel-free kitchens in all new developments by 2030 and all-electric retrofits to existing properties by 2040.

ISPT's portfolio of 139 properties is worth over 21 billion AUD, with the total property portfolios and funds under management of GCC partners globally now worth 284 billion AUD.

A celebrated Melbourne-based chef and restaurateur, Manpreet is recognised for her innovative approach to Indian cuisine. With a career dedicated to blending traditional flavours with contemporary techniques, Manpreet owns and operates Elchi on Flinders Street, Masti in Fitzroy and Eastern Spice in Geelong.

Says Manpreet: "When I moved to Geelong more than twenty years ago, my first apartment had an electric cooktop. At the time, it was a new experience for me and I was worried that I wouldn't be able to cook all the traditional Indian foods I love like chapatis.

"With a few changes to my cooking techniques, I soon realised that cooking on induction has many benefits without any compromise on flavour. So when Elchi became available, and was already electric, I had no hesitation. At first my chefs shared my initial concerns, but now they would never go back to cooking on gas.

"We all love the control offered by induction cooking. For example, I know that the perfect tadka or tempering is essential to unlocking the full flavour of spices. With induction, I can heat the oil to the right temperature for each spice—whether it's mustard seeds, cumin, or curry leaves—without the risk of it getting too hot or not hot enough. This precision allows me to unlock all the best aromas and flavours from my spices.

Steven Peters, Chief Sustainability Officer from ISPT also sees their relationship with the GCC as important in the move towards decarbonised buildings.

“The Global Cooksafe Coalition plays a vital role in promoting the transition to more sustainable and healthy kitchens. ISPT is committed to reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and has a pathway mapped to remove gas and electrify the base building operations of our properties. We are proud to be a signatory to the GCC and extend our existing plans to include working with tenant partners across our portfolio to electrify their kitchens,” said Steven Peters, ISPT Chief Sustainability Officer.

Virginia Jones, GCC Global Marketing Manager, says she’s excited to be welcoming both ISPT and new chef ambassador, Manpreet Sekhon.

“In just two years the GCC has seen nine leading property companies in Australia and the UK sign up to fossil-fuel-free kitchens in their properties. The addition of ISPT to this powerful group further illustrates the industry’s commitment to building decarbonisation. We’re also thrilled that so many highly esteemed chefs like Manpreet are adding their voices to the call for the electrification of kitchens.”

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