

Syed Mohkam-ud-Din & Sons SOUTH ASIA'S FIRST BAKERY IN LAHORE



About 142 years ago on January 1, 1879, a bakery by the name of Syed Mohkam-ud-Din & Sons opened its doors in Lahore. When the concept of cakes and biscuits was largely alien to people in the Indian Subcontinent, this bakery was a novel addition that introduced the brand new concept of western bakery items to Indian Subcontinent.

The bakery was established by a young man named Mohkam, whose father Qamr-ud-Din was an army contractor for tea supplies during the British Raj before moving to Lahore from Jalandhar Cantt.

He was on good terms with the then Punjab Lieutenant Governor Sir Charles Aitchison, the celebrated founder of Aitchison

College. His wife Lady Aitchison, a true socialite was popular for her extraordinary baking skills. On the request of Syed Qamar-ud-Din, Lady Aitchison taught his young son western baking traditions. When Mohkam gained expertise in baking, he decided to pursue it as his career and opened a bakery in Lahore.