<u>Private equity fund Amicus Capital</u> has invested Rs 700 million in celebrity chef Sanjeev Kapoor's cookware brand <u>Wonderchef</u>. With additional funding, the company plans to grow to a size of Rs 6 billion in sales in the next five years.

This is <u>Amicus Capital</u> second investment. It had last year invested Rs 600 million of growth capital in digital insurance aggregator <u>Renewbuy.com</u>.

We are delighted to partner with <u>Wonderchef</u> and are committed to helping the company emerge into a clear market leader in the cookware and kitchen appliances category in India in the next few years," said Mahesh Parasuraman, Partner, <u>Amicus Capital</u>.

<u>Prestige</u> and <u>Hawkins</u> are current leading players in the cookware segment which is growing at a compounded annual growth rate of over 13 per cent, according to industry experts.

With an AUM of Rs 6 billion, Amicus Capital focuses on investing in financial services, consumer, healthcare and technology & business services sectors.

<u>Wonderchef</u> was founded in 2009 by industry veteran Ravi Saxena in partnership with Kapoor. Saxena has earlier launched several <u>companies</u> such as Sodexo, Gloria Jean's Coffee, and The Yellow Chilli chain of restaurants.

Last year, the cookware brand promoted by Kapoor had received Rs 400 million from French group <u>Labruyere Eberle</u> to expand its portfolio. In 2015, it raised Rs 300 million from Swiss investment firm <u>Capvent</u>.