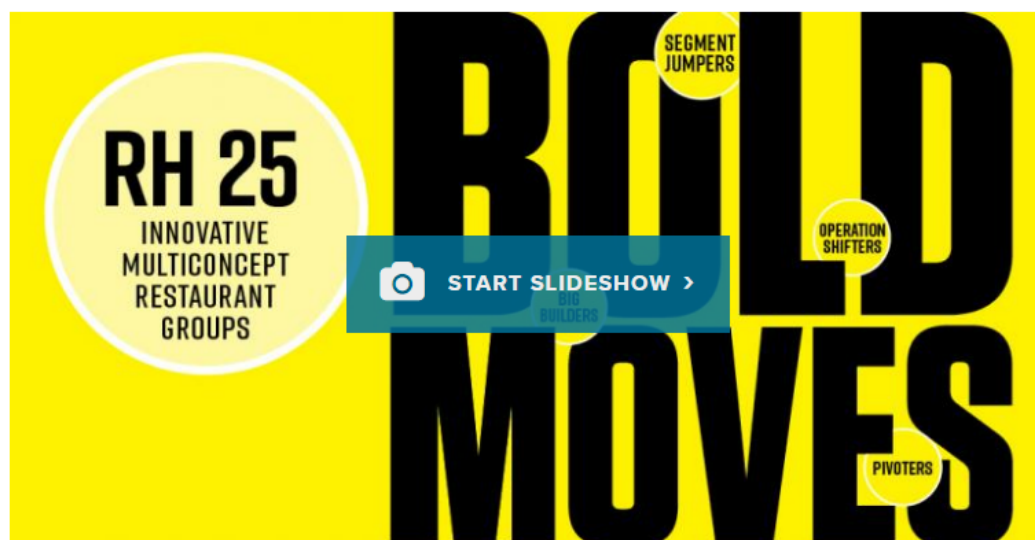


2018 RH 25: Innovative multiconcept restaurant groups



In this annual look at the industry's most powerful multiconcept restaurant groups, Restaurant Hospitality this year is putting the spotlight on innovation.

This year's RH 25 looks at bold moves made by multiconcept operators — the companies that are crossing segments, shifting operations, building big or pivoting in some way this year or in the near future.

These bold moves are not always about opening new concepts, though that's certainly happening. Some of these examples of innovation include restaurant companies that are making changes in the way they do business or pioneering new ideas.

There is no ranking. This collection of innovators is meant to inspire, inform and — perhaps — to spark more innovation.

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HQ: Miami

Leadership: Ignacio Garcia-Menocal, co-founder and CEO; Francesco Balli, co-founder and CEO; Eddie Acevedo, chief operating officer

Systemwide sales FY2017: \$30 million

Concepts: Glass & Vine, American Harvest (2), Big Easy Winebar & Grill, Stubborn Seed, Stiltsville Fish Bar and Shula's 347 Grill

Glass & Vine, part of Grove Bay Hospitality Group's portfolio



The Big Easy

Grove Bay Hospitality Group has been on a roll since it opened Glass & Vine on picturesque Peacock Park in Coconut Grove, Fla., in 2016, with partnerships and successful restaurants with celebrity chefs Jeremy Ford, Janine Booth and Jeff McInnis and South African golfing legend Ernie Els.

Now the group is taking on its biggest project, a two-story waterfront project on seven acres next to Coconut Grove's city hall. They've been granted an 80-year lease to run restaurants in historical airplane hangars and a functioning marina. Slated to open in early 2019, The Harbour in Coconut Grove will feature a second restaurant by Ford, a steakhouse concept with a yet-to-be-named celebrity chef, an event space and a casual restaurant to serve the marina community.

"It's a very, very highly visible location," said Ignacio Garcia-Menocal, who founded the group with high school friend Francesco Balli.