Food for Thought Conference
The Roosevelt New Orleans
New Orleans, LA | April 16 – 18, 2019
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Food for Thought Conference

**TUESDAY  APRIL 16**

Registration
6:00 – 6:30 pm
Roosevelt, Lobby Level

Second Line Parade
6:30 – 7:00 pm
In true New Orleans fashion, strut behind a brass band through the streets starting at the Roosevelt Hotel and ending at Pythian Market.

Please gather at the back entrance of the Roosevelt Tower 1, located on Baronne Street. The parade will start at 6:30 pm.

Networking Reception
7:00 – 8:00 pm
Pythian Market
Badges are required. Badge pick-up is at the Roosevelt on the Lobby Level.

Pythian Market is a food hall and gathering space in downtown New Orleans. An urban food collective celebrating New Orleans’ undeniable spirit and the Pythian Building’s remarkable history. It is a place for community, locally-sourced fare and art.

**WEDNESDAY  APRIL 17**

Registration
7:00 am – 6:15 pm
Roosevelt Ballroom Foyer, Mezzanine Level

Continental Breakfast
7:30 – 8:15 am
Roosevelt Ballroom Foyer, Mezzanine Level
No breakfast service after 8:15 am.

Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:15 – 8:30 am
Roosevelt Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

**General Session | If You Build It... The Making of a Food Hall**
8:30 – 9:30 am
Roosevelt Ballroom, Mezzanine Level
A case study of the food hall at Rock Row in Portland, Maine, scheduled to open 2021.

**MODERATOR**
Phil Colicchio
Executive Managing Director
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President
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Josh Levy
Partner
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Akhtar Nawab
Chef & Owner, Alta Calidad
Co-Founder, Hospitality HQ

**General Session | Food Fight!**
9:30 – 10:30 am
Roosevelt Ballroom, Mezzanine Level
What happens when two top retail researchers take each other on over the hot F&B topics of the day? A coin flip at the start of a series of mini debates will determine which side each debater will be on. Audience response will determine the winner. The debates will be followed by a frank discussion in which each researcher will come clean on which side of each debate they actually come down on.

**MODERATOR**
Naveen Jaggi
Food for Thought Conference Program Planning Committee Chair
President, Americas Retail Advisory Services, Leasing and Capital Markets JLL

**DEBATERS**
James Cook
Americas Director of Research, Retail JLL
Restaurants around the world are adding new and creative uses: tabletop games, e-sports, music, dancing, physical sports, karaoke and even gambling where legal. Discover some of these new concepts and how 1+1 can equal 3 in the dining world, for both landlords and tenants.

**MODERATOR**

**Alan Cichon**
President of US Operations
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**Kyle Noonan**
Founder & CEO
FreeRange Concepts

**Scott Simon**
Founder & CEO
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**Networking Lunch**
11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Roosevelt Ballroom Foyer, Mezzanine Level
No lunch service after 12:15 pm.

**CEO Report**
12:30 – 1:00 pm
Roosevelt Ballroom, Mezzanine Level
Tom McGee
President & CEO
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**Keynote Presentation | Invigorating Great Brands**
1:00 – 1:45 pm
Roosevelt Ballroom, Mezzanine Level

**Paul Brown**
Co-Founder & CEO
Inspire Brands, Inc.

**Concurrent Sessions**
2:00 – 2:45 pm
A. The Importance of Convenience and Technology in Food & Beverage
Roosevelt Ballroom 5
Consumers demand speed via drive-thru lanes, pick-up windows, ordering/pay apps, digital counter ordering and delivery. What are restaurants doing to improve top line sales and increase customer traffic?

**MODERATOR**

**Guy Mercurio**
Vice President Leasing
Director of National Restaurant Leasing
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**PANELISTS**

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B. Private Equity in Food & Beverage
Roosevelt Ballroom 4
How has private equity shaped the decision-making process for tenants and landlords?

MODERATOR
Kyle Kavanaugh
President
Main & Main, Inc.

PANELISTS
Christian B. Johnson
Partner
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Chris Roberts
Partner, Growth Fund
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General Session | America’s Favorite Food Destination
3:00 – 3:45 pm
Roosevelt Ballroom, Mezzanine Level
A look at the history and future of the New Orleans food and beverage scene.

Elizabeth Williams
Founder
National Food & Beverage Foundation; The Southern Food & Beverage Museum

General Session | The Dynamics of Grocery and Convenience Stores on Restaurant Food & Beverage
3:45 – 4:30 pm
Roosevelt Ballroom, Mezzanine Level
With restaurant sales challenging grocery sales, what’s the impact of grocery and convenience stores on restaurant sales? How are grocers and convenience stores positioning themselves by offering prepared/packaged foods, delivery, online ordering, craft beer/wine bars, seating and TV’s?

MODERATOR
Stephanie Mineo
Vice President
Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield

PANELISTS
Joe Brady, III
Divisional Vice President, Real Estate
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Paul Hilliard
Vice President of Real Estate
Whole Foods Market

General Session | Unique Experiences – Innovative Restaurant Concepts
4:30 – 5:15 pm
Roosevelt Ballroom, Mezzanine Level
Brick and mortar restaurants have morphed into so much more over the past few years. Find out how they’re using AI, robotics and creative menus to spice up the restaurant experience.

MODERATOR
Michael Dubin
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Kimberly Gros
Founder
SteelCraft

Networking Reception
5:15 – 6:15 pm
Roosevelt Foyer, Mezzanine Level

Optional Event | Dine-Arounds
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Registration is required and a separate fee applies. For more details, visit www.icsc.org/2019FFT and scroll down to Additional Links and click on the link under Dine-Arounds.
THURSDAY  APRIL 18

Registration
7:00 – 11:30 am
Roosevelt Ballroom Foyer, Mezzanine Level

Continental Breakfast
7:30 – 8:00 am
Roosevelt Ballroom Foyer, Mezzanine Level
No breakfast service after 8:00 am.

General Session | Emerging Concepts
8:00 – 9:00 am
Roosevelt Ballroom, Mezzanine Level
Hear about some of the most industrious concepts directly from their leadership teams in the fastest growing sector of the restaurant industry. Discussions will include unit growth and new markets, projections, recent sales, trends, competition, and their personal overview of current conditions in this dynamic ever growing sector we call Emerging Concepts.

MODERATOR
Ken Stern
First Vice President, Advisory & Transaction Services, Restaurant Practice Group
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Lauren Bailey
Co-Founder & CEO
Upward Projects

Becky Mulligan
CEO
The Little Beet

John Plew
Owner
Thirsty Lion Gastropub & Grill

Fabio Viviani
Celebrity Chef & Hospitality Developer
Fabio Viviani Hospitality Restaurant Group

Keynote Presentation | Restaurant and Foodservice Industry Forecast
9:00 – 10:00 am
Roosevelt Ballroom, Mezzanine Level
Melvin Rodrigue
President & CEO, Galatoire’s Restaurant
Vice Chairman, National Restaurant Association

General Session | Evolve or Die – Maintaining Your Relevance
10:15 – 11:15 am
Roosevelt Ballroom, Mezzanine Level
Find out how restaurant operators have evolved their concepts and consumer experience from the age-old segment of dining out.

MODERATOR
Kyle Kavanaugh
President
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PANELISTS
Paul Ballard
Owner
Ballard Brands

Brandon Landry
Founder, Co-Owner & CEO
Walk-On’s Bistreaux & Bar

Closing Remarks
11:15 – 11:30 am
Roosevelt Ballroom, Mezzanine Level
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