



Dave George
President

Dave George is President of LongHorn Steakhouse and a member of Darden Restaurants' Operating Team. He leads a company with more than 350 restaurants, 20,000 employees and nearly \$1 billion in annual sales.

Known for its passion for grilling fresh, tender, juicy steaks – including the signature Flo's Filet and the Outlaw Ribeye – LongHorn welcomes guests with a warm, inviting, friendly atmosphere reminiscent of the American West.



Dave joined LongHorn in April 1998 as Vice President of Operations, North. Two years later, he was promoted to Vice President of Operations for The Capital Grille, a division of LongHorn's former parent company, RARE Hospitality International. He returned to LongHorn in October 2001 as Senior Vice President of Operations and was named President in 2003. He remained in that capacity following Darden's acquisition of RARE in October 2007.

Prior to LongHorn, Dave served as Vice President of Operations for Tripps Restaurants. Dave began his restaurant career straight out of college as an Assistant Manager with Houlihans. During his 12 years with Houlihans, he held positions of increasing responsibility including Area Director of Operations for eight restaurants.

Dave earned a bachelor's degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management from Michigan State University.

Darden is the world's largest full-service restaurant operating company with annual sales of \$7.5 billion. The company owns and operates 1,900 Red Lobster, Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, The Capital Grille, Bahama Breeze and Seasons 52 restaurants in North America, employs approximately 180,000 people and serves more than 400 million meals annually. In 2011, Darden became the first full-service restaurant company ever to be named to the FORTUNE "100 Best Companies to Work For" list.