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“I’ve been in the industry for over 15 years, going from a kid with no education to the owner of a growing restaurant group. My 5 restaurants have enabled me to provide for my family while employing over 150 workers.”

Ari Gejdenson

CEO and Founder, Mindful Restaurant Group

First Industry Position: Bartender



Washington, DC

THE DISTRICT'S RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE:

60,000 Washingtonians In 2015, restaurants account for 60,000 jobs in the District — 8% of employment in the city.



1 in 3 Americans begin their working careers in the restaurant industry



1 in 2 adults have worked in the restaurant industry

