



SHAUN SMITHSON

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Shaun Smithson is the Vice president of Operations with B.F. Saul Hospitality Group. In his role, he is responsible for the operations, guest services, purchasing and associate development across a 19 hotel portfolio.

Shaun comes to B.F.Saul from a role with Sodexo where he was Project Director of Global offer Development and Marketing with Sodexo with a focus on global marketing, training and business strategy supporting the Americas.

He has held prior roles with Choice Hotels International, where he served as Sr. Director of Product Development and Design, and Sr. Director of Brand Strategy. He also worked with Hilton Hotels Corporation, where he served as Sr. Director, Hotel Performance Support for the Hilton Garden Inn brand. Mr. Smithson's early career was focused on operations within the hospitality industry where he held various leadership roles from Executive Chef to General Manager.

Mr. Smithson received his culinary training through the Disney Culinary Apprenticeship at Walt Disney World. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Empire State College, and his master's in global business management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management ('08). He holds seats on the Board of Advisors for the start-up Eco Hotel Brand – Adoba Eco Hotels (<http://www.adobaecohotel.com/>), and is a member of the Thunderbird Global Council.

Mr. Smithson lives with his wife, Alexandra Jaritz, and two daughters, Ema (18) and Caroline (2) in Alexandria, VA, and is an adjunct professor of Food and Beverage Management at George Mason University.