

Beyond the Restaurant: How HE COOKS® is Redefining the Modern Culinary Business Model

Atlanta-based HE COOKS® expands its culinary platform, blending digital culinary media, travel storytelling, and underground dining series Service @ Seven®.

ATLANTA, GA, UNITED STATES, July 16, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [HE COOKS®](https://HECOOKS.com), an Atlanta-based independent culinary platform founded by Chef Kyle Taylor, is expanding its footprint across digital media and live dining as a growing number of culinary professionals build businesses beyond the traditional brick-and-mortar restaurant model.



Kyle Taylor, founder of the Atlanta-based independent culinary and media platform HE COOKS®.

Rather than tethering the business to a single location, HE COOKS® operates as an independent culinary platform spanning recipes, digital media, travel storytelling, experiential dining, and pop-up kitchens.

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The hecooks.co platform currently features nearly 950 original recipes. Alongside original editorial photography and destination-driven video content, the site has grown into a robust independent culinary archive. This archive is paired with a growing [Substack publication](#) in which Taylor explores technique, ingredient science, and sustainable kitchen practices. Taylor's culinary work has been featured by Chowhound, Tasting Table, Allrecipes, Simply Recipes, Reader's Digest, New York Post, Scary Mommy, and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Through the [Palate Passport®](#) series, which currently spans 29 episodes, the brand has explored nearly 500 restaurants, bars, and cultural experiences around the world, connecting regional food traditions with approachable techniques for audiences at home.

Entirely self-taught, Taylor approaches cooking at the intersection of business strategy, creative intuition, and technical discipline. Before building HE COOKS®, Taylor earned an MBA and led marketing efforts for an Atlanta-based consumer technology startup, experiences that helped shape the platform's entrepreneurial approach. Drawing on that experience, he applies principles of efficiency, resource management, and problem-solving to the kitchen, using technique and ingredient science as tools for creative expression rather than rigid formulas.

"I don't think the future belongs exclusively to restaurants," says Taylor. "People are looking for experiences, stories, and food with a point of view. HE COOKS® was built to meet people wherever they are, whether that's through a recipe, a story, a film, or a communal dinner."

Demonstrating the flexibility of its platform, HE COOKS® recently launched a rooftop pop-up residency at Hotel Clermont, bringing its culinary concept into an established hospitality setting through a temporary dining experience featuring a street-inspired menu.

At the center of the platform's live operations is Service @ Seven, an intimate communal dining series now entering its fifth volume. Hosted in rotating, non-traditional locations throughout metro Atlanta, each event features a blind multi-course tasting menu built around seasonal ingredients, zero-waste execution, and a single seating designed to encourage conversation, shared experience, and culinary exploration.

Service @ Seven was created around the idea that dining can be more intentional when distractions are removed. By presenting a blind tasting menu, the series eliminates preconceived expectations and allows guests to experience each course without comparison or anticipation. The communal format reinforces that approach: everyone at the table shares the same meal, creating a natural space for conversation, discovery, and connection.

The model was designed to separate hospitality from the burdens of traditional restaurant infrastructure. Without the costs associated with maintaining a permanent dining room, the series allows resources to flow toward the experience itself: the food, the technique, and the people gathered around the table.

By combining publishing, video storytelling, travel journalism, and live dining under one independent platform, HE COOKS® represents a new generation of chef-led businesses that are less dependent on a permanent restaurant space and more connected to audiences wherever they are. Each branch of HE COOKS® serves the same mission: using food as a vehicle for storytelling, education, and connection.

For upcoming pop-up dates, private dining inquiries, and the complete recipe archive, visit

hecooks.co.

About HE COOKS®

HE COOKS® is an independent culinary and media platform based in Atlanta, Georgia. Founded by Kyle Taylor, the brand combines recipe development, food writing, photography, travel storytelling, live dining experiences, and culinary education. Its offerings include the trademarked Palate Passport® travel series, a dedicated Substack newsletter, and Service @ Seven, a rotating underground dining experience focused on seasonal, zero-waste cooking.

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