

Branded Hospitality Hosts Annual Cocktails & Connections at Prosper Forum, Drawing Top Foodservice Operators & Leaders

Branded Hospitality's signature event brought together top operators, founders, tech leaders, and partners Olo, DIRECTV, Adyen, DailyPay & DoorDash.

NEW YORK CITY, NY, UNITED STATES, August 25, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Branded Hospitality, a New York-based hospitality media and investment platform spanning Ventures, Solutions, and Media, hosted its annual Cocktails & Connections event alongside Prosper Forum 2026, bringing together top operators, founders, investors, and technology leaders from across the foodservice and hospitality industries.

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The event took place at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes during Prosper Forum, which ran August 16 to 19, 2026. More than 350 operators, founders, investors, and

technology leaders attended Cocktails & Connections, joining Branded Hospitality alongside co-sponsors Olo, DIRECTV for Business, Adyen, DailyPay, and DoorDash.

Cocktails & Connections took place alongside Prosper Forum, which convenes more than 750 C-suite executives at a 3:1 operator-to-supplier ratio each year. This year's Forum drew leadership from major foodservice and hospitality organizations, including Yum! Brands, Inspire Brands, PepsiCo, Sysco Corporation, Golden Corral, Taco John's International, Union Square Hospitality Group, The Cheesecake Factory, Craveworthy Brands, Yadav Enterprises, and Jersey Mike's, among many others.

"Cocktails & Connections is about creating the kind of room where real relationships get built, not just business cards exchanged," said Michael "Schatzy" Schatzberg, Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner of Branded Hospitality. "Prosper Forum brings together exactly the leaders who are shaping where this industry goes next, and getting to host them for a night alongside partners like Olo, DIRECTV for Business, Adyen, DailyPay, and DoorDash made it one of our best turnouts yet."

What is Cocktails & Connections?

Cocktails & Connections is Branded Hospitality Media's signature networking event series for restaurant, foodservice, and hospitality technology leaders. Where did Cocktails & Connections at Prosper Forum take place?The event was held at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, during Prosper Forum 2026 (August 16-19, 2026).

Who sponsored Cocktails & Connections at Prosper Forum 2026?

The event was co-sponsored by Olo, DIRECTV for Business, Adyen, DailyPay, and DoorDash.

How many people attended?

More than 350 operators, founders, investors, and technology leaders attended the event.

What is Prosper Forum?

Prosper Forum is an annual, by-invitation gathering that connects top foodservice and hospitality executives with next-generation senior talent, hosted by Prosper Company.

About Branded Hospitality

Branded Hospitality is a New York-based hospitality media and investment platform dedicated to accelerating innovation across the restaurant and foodservice industry. Through The Hospitality Hangout podcast, strategic advisory work, and an extensive network of operators, investors, and technology leaders, Branded serves as a connector and amplifier for the people and companies driving the future of hospitality. Learn more at brandedstrategic.com.

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