



Mike Hislop Chairman of the Board

Mike Hislop currently serves as Chairman of the Board. From 2006 to 2015, Mike was Chief Executive Officer for Corner Bakery Cafe where he helped transform the brand from a company-owned and operated neighborhood gathering spot to a franchised industry leader.

Mike laid the foundation for his Corner Bakery Cafe charge when he was named president and chief operating officer of Il Fornaio in 1995 and was promoted to chief executive officer and chairman in 2001. Since joining Il Fornaio, the company has more than doubled in size with 22 restaurants throughout the United States.

Prior to Il Fornaio and Corner Bakery Cafe, Mike was chairman and chief executive officer for Chevys Mexican Restaurants, where he built the company's infrastructure in preparation for taking it public, nearly doubling the number of locations nationwide in less than three years. Earlier positions include regional operator, executive vice president of operations and chief operating officer at El Torito Mexican Restaurants and regional manager at T.G.I. Friday's.

Mike was recognized by the International Foodservice Manufacturers Association (IFMA) in 2010 with the Silver Plate award, which pays tribute to the most outstanding and innovative talents in foodservice operations. In 2013, Mike received *Nation's Restaurant News'* Golden Chain Award, an honor bestowed on those representing the very best that the restaurant industry has to offer.

Mike is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and holds a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

Favorite Corner Bakery Cafe Menu Item:

"My favorite item is the first thing I ever tried at Corner Bakery Cafe: the D.C. Chicken Salad Sandwich. I love the mixture of roasted chicken, green apples, celery and almonds on one of my favorite breads – Steakhouse Rye."