

Alex Smith is the Founder and President of [Atlas Restaurant Group](#), a nationally-acclaimed, Baltimore based hospitality group featuring fourteen successful restaurants. Smith founded the group in 2012 with the opening of Mediterranean *kouzina* Ouzo Bay in Baltimore's Harbor East neighborhood, and together with his brother and co-founder Eric Smith, has since grown the group to include Azumi, The Bygone, The Elk Room (named one of Esquire Magazine's 2018 Best Bars in America), Harbor East Delicatessen & Pizzeria, Italian Disco, Tagliata (earning a spot on Wine Enthusiast's 2018 & 2019's list of Top 100 Wine Restaurants), Ouzo Beach, The Lollipop and Loch Bar and Ouzo Bay in Boca Raton, FL., Baltimore and Houston, TX.

Following five years as a professional lacrosse player and inspired to pursue a career in hospitality by his grandfather's passion and success with Baltimore's H&S Bakery, Smith got his start operating a Häagen-Dazs franchise in Baltimore's Harbor East neighborhood.

With each restaurant, Smith creates an unparalleled experience that together are redefining Baltimore's culinary culture. This summer, Atlas Restaurant Group debuts The Choptank, a seafood and crab house opening in Baltimore's historic Fell's Point Broadway Market. Looking ahead to the fall, Atlas Restaurant Group will open two restaurants in Washington, D.C's MOXY Hotel along with Maximón, a Mexican-inspired concept and the group's fourth restaurant in The Four Seasons Baltimore.