

JOHN MILLER

Independent Director | Director Since: 2023



Committees:

- Compensation

Other Public Company Directorships:

- Denny's Corporation (Nasdaq: DENN) (since 2011)



Favorite Papa Johns Menu Item:

Pan Pizza

Summary

John Miller is a two time restaurant brand CEO with a proven record of strengthening franchise systems and unifying operators around shared values, performance standards and brand expectations. He has built out restaurant networks, modernized guest experiences and driven consistent execution across U.S. and international franchise markets, enabling brands to grow through both industry disruption and market opportunities. His extensive operational and strategic leadership equips him to serve as a thoughtful, independent voice in the boardroom—one who can provide constructive challenge, support management effectively and help ensure strategy, capital allocation, and operating priorities remain aligned with sustainable, long term shareholder value.

Key Skills and Qualifications

- As CEO of Denny's, Mr. Miller delivered more than a decade of sustained performance, increasing the stock price by more than threefold during his tenure through disciplined capital allocation, modernization of the real estate portfolio and the opening of nearly 500 locations in strategically selected growth markets. These transformative actions expanded the brand's reach and enhanced individual restaurant profitability.
- Mr. Miller also accelerated Denny's international expansion, doubling the number of franchises in Puerto Rico and scaling the Canadian business to nearly 80 locations—more than any other U.S. competitor operating in the region. His proven ability to build strategic international partnerships offers actionable insight into global growth and market prioritization.
- He led Denny's digital transformation, securing an early national agreement with DoorDash, launching virtual brands such as The Meltdown and The Burger Den, and building customer facing technology and analytics teams. These initiatives modernized digital ordering and loyalty platforms, strengthened operational efficiency and created new, profitable revenue streams aligned with evolving consumer behavior.
- Mr. Miller spent 17 years with Brinker International, leading Global Franchise Development for Chili's before heading other brands at Brinker such as Romano's Macaroni Grill, On the Border, and Cozymel's. John then returned as CEO of Taco Bueno, his restaurant alma mater prior to joining Brinker, where he launched and scaled the franchise program and implemented a unified POS system to strengthen systemwide performance and deliver consistent, high quality customer experiences.

Career Highlights

Delucca Gaucho Pizza & Wine

- Managing Member (since 2022)

Denny's (Nasdaq: DENN)

- CEO (2011-2025)

Taco Bueno Restaurant Chain

- President & CEO (2005-2011)

Brinker International (NYSE: EAT)

- VP Romano's Macaroni Grill (1997 – 2004)
- VP Special Concepts, Cozymel's and On the Border (1993-1996)
- VP Global Franchising (1987 – 1992)