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Dan Stone Promoted at Front Burner Brands

Dan Stone has been promoted to vice president of franchise development for Front Burner Brands, a restaurant management company affiliated with the corporate owners of The Melting Pot Restaurants, GrillSmith and Burger 21.

In this role, Stone serves on Front Burner Brands' executive leadership team. He is responsible for domestic and international development for all Front Burner Brands concepts, overseeing franchise compliance, legal, franchise administration and site forecasting/analytics.

Previously, Stone served as director of franchise development. Prior to joining Front Burner Brands in 2006 as director of franchise sales, Stone was the director of human resources and assistant general manager for Winegardner & Hammons, Inc., a professional hotel management firm that manages multiple hotel franchises nationwide including Marriott and Embassy Suites. Responsibilities included food and beverage, sales, marketing, event planning, revenue management, hotel operations and human resources.

A graduate of Penn State University, Stone earned his bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and institutional management. He received his Certified Franchise Executive (CFE) certification from the International Franchise Association (IFA) in February 2010. He serves on the board of directors for the Montessori School for the Deaf in Clearwater, Fla., was a founding steering committee member for the Friends of St. Jude Tampa Chapter and is a key organizer in the IFA FBN Tampa Chapter.

About Front Burner Brands

Front Burner Brands (formerly known as TGS Management) is a restaurant management company headquartered in Tampa, Fla. It is affiliated with the corporate owners of and its management services extended to The Melting Pot Restaurants, founded in 1975 with 142 locations in North America and 18 locations currently in development, GrillSmith with six locations in the Tampa Bay area, Burger 21 with one location open in Tampa and other new franchise concepts in development.