

Beam Suntory has appointed **Jessica Spence** as the company's first president of brands, effective this October. Spence will join Beam from the Carlsberg Group, where she currently serves as executive vice president and chief commercial officer.

Constellation Brands has promoted **Matt Deegan** to senior vice president and chief sales officer of its wine and spirits business. Deegan was previously the company's senior vice president of sales.

Stoli Group has made a series of changes to its executive lineup. **Rudy Costello**, president and CEO of Stoli Group USA, is now acting global CEO of Stoli Group while the drinks giant searches for a new chief executive. Meanwhile, **Namita Malik**, former Stoli Group CFO, has been promoted to global CFO. Matthias Knoll, formerly of Patrón Spirits, has been appointed senior vice president of international distribution.

Republic National Distributing Co. (RNDC) has named **Jay Johnson** as region president of Young's Market Co., which is now a division of RNDC. Johnson joined RNDC in 1991 and was most recently region president for the Southwest.

Mast-Jägermeister U.S. has named **Joe Fortune** as the company's first chief commercial officer. Fortune had been serving as CFO since 2016, and, prior to that, worked at Disaronno International and Diageo.

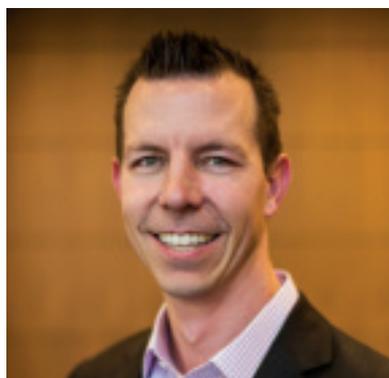
Craft distributor LibDib appointed **Josh Zeller** as COO. Zeller is a 20-year veteran of Republic National Distributing Co., where he served as director of operations.

Bacardi Ltd. has appointed **Tony Latham** as executive vice president and CFO, effective this month. Latham previously served as executive vice president of finance for global performance management at Unilever.

Napa-based Crimson Wine Group Ltd. has promoted **Nicolas Quillé** to CEO and



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interim president following the resignation of Patrick DeLong. Quillé, who came to Crimson in May 2018, will also continue in his original role as chief winemaking and operations officer.

Quintessential has added four wine professionals to its sales force. **Brian Kelley** is now New England regional sales manager, while **Danni Lynn Simross** takes the role of Texas state sales manager—a position she'd held with the company 2008-2014. She is joined by new sales representative **Danielle Clark**, who will cover San Antonio and Austin. Finally, **Jules Symon** is now district manager for Illinois.

Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits has announced two promotions that will go into effect at the start of 2020, following the retirement of executive vice president and general manager of Arizona and New Mexico Michael Jahn. **Tom Boyle**, current senior vice president and general manager of sales for Phoenix, will become executive vice president and general manager of Arizona, and **Greg Templeton**, current director of sales for New Mexico, will become executive vice president and general manager of New Mexico.

Shaw-Ross International Importers has promoted **Vinny Ferrone** from vice president to senior vice president of the eastern region. Additionally, general manager of New York **Tom O'Hara** has been promoted to vice president of the Northeast.

Following the ouster of co-CEO and board member Bruce Linton, Canadian cannabis company Canopy Growth has tapped **Mark Zekulin**, previously co-CEO and president, as sole CEO; at press time he was working with the board to find a permanent leader. Meanwhile, **Rade Kovacevic** is assuming the role of president.

Vertical Cos., the largest seed-to-sale cannabis and CBD company in the U.S., has tapped **Matthew Ippolito** as vice president of sales. Ippolito was previously vice president of E. & J. Gallo Winery. **mw**

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