

Cathy Tsoukalas Chief Financial Officer

Catherine Tsoukalas began her financial leadership career in the retail industry. As controller for the Lids Corporation, she kept the company on budget and on track as it expanded from three to more than 350 locations in 30 states.

Looking for a new challenge, Tsoukalas accepted a chief financial officer position with Naked Restaurants, Inc. Her experience and skills were beneficial to the multi-concept restaurant chain as it grew from one to 15 locations in only 18 months with Tsoukalas directing the financial team.

After 10 years with that company, Smith & Wollensky recognized Tsoukalas' keen financial leadership and

creative management skills and asked her to join the corporate team in 2009.With her infinite strategic planning and team building abilities at the lead, Smith & Wollensky will continue to combine the highest quality ingredients with its world-class customer service to provide every guest with a memorable fine dining experience.

When not working, Tsoukalas' spends time with her four children—dogs, really. As the German shepherd is her favorite, she finds herself letting the other three take all the blame for whatever mischief the canine kids cause. She has learned those kinds of leadership decisions do not work when managing financial aspects in the hospitality industry.

