



2017 MARKS 30 YEARS. HERE'S A HISTORY OF OUR KEY MILESTONES:

1987

Brian Donovan founded Horizon Food Equipment with a mission to provide best equipment service to the baking industry.

1994

Kathryn Donovan joins company to expand product line to include distribution and maintenance of bakery, weighing, packaging, slicing, and food processing equipment.

1995

Bake-Rite International is founded to offer industry expertise focusing on bakery equipment and solutions.

1996

Bake-Rite begins importing bakery equipment not available in domestic market.

1997

Horizon grows to 30 employees and 10 product lines. Company headquarters relocate to new facility offering office, test kitchen and warehouse space in Schenectady where it remains today.

2002

Donovans and long time business associate, Frank Corvino, join forces to acquire competing full service equipment provider Bradco, to open New England division.

2004

Horizon Food Equipment and Bradco merge under Horizon Bradco.

2007

Horizon Bradco grows to more than 40 employees, and 15 product lines, operating in 8 states.

2009

Company expands into Florida market in response to equipment sales and service needs due to supermarket consolidation.

2010

New England division of Horizon Bradco relocates to new facility in Wilmington, MA, where it remains today.

2011

North Carolina office opens to support expansion of sales and service in the Southeast.

2012

Florida office opens to support the continued expansion of sales and service to the supermarket industry.

2013

Company receives capital from investment partner Hamilton Robinson Capital Partners, adding CEO Mark Panozzo to drive strategic growth.

2014

Horizon Bradco and Bake-Rite International merge, Bake-Rite remains a brand of Horizon Bradco. Horizon Bradco acquires Foley & Wallace Associates.

2015

Horizon Bradco acquires Burke Food Equipment, Inc. expanding presence in the Southeast with an office in Spartanburg, S.C

Horizon Bradco acquires Allied Mechanical Services, LLC and New England Controls, LLC adding commercial refrigeration solutions and an office in Wallingford, CT.

2016

Horizon Bradco acquires NE Refrigeration in Windsor, CT, continuing its expansion in the New England area.

2017

Horizon Bradco acquires 5 Star Refrigeration in Brooksville, FL, continuing its expansion in the Florida area.



Company Profile

Overview

Horizon Bradco is a leading distributor and food equipment solutions provider to the supermarket, meat processing, bakery and food commissary markets. The company markets its automation-focused bakery equipment solutions to the retail, wholesale, and industrial baking segment under the Bake-Rite International brand.

Founded: 1987

Headquartered: Schenectady, New York

Additional Offices: Massachusetts, Connecticut, South Carolina, Florida

Employees: 300+

Sales: \$20+ million

Products & Services

Sales

The Horizon Bradco team has more than a century of combined experience in supermarket, bakery, food service, and commissary equipment sales, operation and service. We specialize in providing and maintaining the highest quality commercial and industrial food preparation equipment. Our approach includes understanding your goals and recommending the best solution for the application and budget allowed.

Service

Horizon Bradco's service department provides the highest quality service in the industry. Our highly trained technicians have years of experience working on a broad range of equipment and participate in continuous training programs as new equipment becomes available. We employ service technicians operating in 17 states along the East Coast and the Southeast with availability 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Fully stocked main warehouses and multiple satellite warehouses with barcoded inventory readily stock service vans and provide same day parts relay to our customers.

Equipment Installation/Removal

Horizon Bradco maintains one of the most experienced equipment installation and removal teams in the industry. Our technicians are factory trained and experienced problem solvers familiar with supermarket, bakery, meat, and food preparation equipment. We are available for design, planning, and consulting on the inception of a new space or remodel of an existing one. We also offer staff training to get you up and running in less time.

Preventive Maintenance

As a supplemental service, we offer preventive maintenance programs with a technician scheduled to perform routine maintenance on selected equipment as specified by our customers. With this service, customers can achieve better equipment performance, longer equipment life, shorter equipment downtime and less catastrophic damage.

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Executive Management Team

Mark Panozzo | CEO

Mr. Panozzo joined Horizon Bradco in 2013. He is affiliated with the company's investment partner Hamilton Robinson. Previously, he was President of Black Clawson Converting Machinery. After the merger of Black Clawson in 2005 with Davis-Standard, he served as President of the Converting Systems Division. Prior to joining Black Clawson, he held various executive positions at Rexam Release, including Vice President of Sales and Business Unit Manager. Mr. Panozzo holds an MBA from DePaul University and a BS from Eastern Illinois University.

Brian Donovan | Advisor

Mr. Donovan founded the company in 1987 and served as president of the equipment repair business. In 1995, he partnered with wife, Kathryn, to open Bake-Rite International. Together with longtime business associate, Frank Corvino, they acquired competing full service equipment provider, Bradco, to expand market presence in New England. He spent several years working in the supermarket equipment repair business prior to founding Horizon. Mr. Donovan holds an AAS in Electrical Engineering from Fulton Montgomery Community College.

Kathryn Donovan | Advisor

Ms. Donovan joined the company in 1994 as vice president of sales and marketing. In 1995 she partnered with husband Brian to found Bake-Rite International. Ms. Donovan has served as President of Bake-Rite International and Managing Partner of Horizon Bradco, helping to expand the company to 100 employees in 17 states with partners Brian and Frank. She spent several years working in marketing and advertising roles in the publishing and banking industry prior to joining the company. Ms. Donovan holds a BA in Communications and Advertising from Marist College.

Frank Corvino | Vice President

Mr. Corvino worked with Bradco as a regional account manager from 1986 to 1995, and returned as a managing partner in 2002 when he joined the Donovans in acquiring the business to drive expansion into the New England market. Mr. Corvino held various positions at Display Specialties, BKI Worldwide, Boston Market Equipment and Coolidge Bank & Trust. He holds a BS in Economics from Merrimack College.

Keith Abatto | CFO

Mr. Abatto joined Horizon Bradco after several years with EOne Corporation where he held the positions of VP of Operations and VP of Finance. Mr. Abatto is a Certified Public Accountant since 1995 and an accomplished business leader with over 20 years of experience leading finance, operations, supply chain, and information technology teams within manufacturing and service companies. He holds a BBA from Siena College.

Richard Torpey | Vice President, Sales & Marketing

Mr. Torpey joined Horizon Bradco in March, 2017 after spending a number of years with Henry Technologies where he held the position of VP of Sales & Marketing. Prior to his time at Henry, Mr. Torpey has over 20 years of executive level sales and marketing experience in the supermarket equipment and refrigeration industries with an impressive record of sales growth and developing customer bases. He holds a BA from California State University-Long Beach.