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Boodles Gin & Drake's Bartender's Shirt

Boodles British Gin has partnered with London haberdasher Drake's to create a shirt designed for bartenders, by bartenders.



Working with bartenders Leo Robitschek, Maxwell Britten, James Menite and Tom Walker, Boodles and Drake's worked to identify a series of "design adjustments to create a shirt that can withstand the rigors and revels of modern mixology," according to a company statement.

The white dress shirt has features that include a premium yet breathable cotton, a longer length, a specialty barman pocket and sleeve tabs.

The Boodles shirt is available exclusively at the newly opened Drake's New York store for \$225.

Independent Stave Co. Expands with Benton Wood Products as Sixth American Oak Stave Mill

Independent Stave Co. has completed its sixth American oak stave mill. Benton Wood Products (BWP) is fully operational and processing high-quality staves for the company's cooperages in Kentucky and Missouri. The commissioning of BWP paves the way for the expansion and modernization of Independent Stave's cooperage operations, according to a company statement.

BWP, located in Marshall County, is a state-of-the-art mill located on 48 acres strategically placed near high quality white oak forests, and it will allow Independent Stave to have additional production capacity and flexibility. BWP is the second stave mill in Kentucky owned and operated by Independent Stave, which owns seven stave mills in total — one in France and six in the U.S. — supplying Independent Stave cooperages with oak staves.

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RNDC & Breakthru Merge

Republic National Distributing Co. (RNDC) and Breakthru Beverage Group (BBG), both members of the Forbes list of America's Largest Private Companies, have announced the execution of a letter of intent to combine their assets and operations.

"The merger of RNDC and Breakthru will create strategic opportunities that will benefit our associates and our business partners in a rapidly changing and highly competitive marketplace," said RNDC President and CEO Tom Cole. "Much more than a growth opportunity, we are entering this venture to create something that is different, sustainable and transformative. Together, our deep bench of focused, diverse associates will bring great and unique advantages to our suppliers, our customers and the consumers who enjoy the products we represent."

"Breakthru looks forward to joining forces with RNDC to establish an even stronger foundation of industry knowledge, talent, history and heritage," added Breakthru Beverage Group President and CEO Greg Baird. "We see this as the launch pad to bring innovation to life and to usher in a new era for our business and industry."

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Zamora Company Acquires Equity Stake in Yellow Rose Distilling

Zamora Company, a Spanish wine and spirits company headquartered in Madrid, has acquired an equity stake in Yellow Rose Distilling of Houston, Texas.



Yellow Rose, its founder and its full staff will remain at the distillery and will manage the production, sales and marketing activities under the arrangement.

"Yellow Rose Distilling is on the forefront of the whiskey boom, and we look forward to the continued

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