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NATIONAL AMUSEMENTS THEATRES





## About National Amusements Theatres

## Operators of 80 Locations Worldwide / Nearly 1000 Screens in the U.S., U.K. and Latin America

- U.S. 32 Locations with 424 Screens
- U.K. 20 Locations with 264 Screens
- Argentina 7 Locations with 75 Screens
- UCI Cinemas Brazil 21 Locations with 182 Screens





#### Our Brands in the U.S.

#### SHOWCASE



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CINEMA DE LUX













## Watching The Concession / Snack Bar Evolve into a Food & Beverage Operation

It wasn't so long ago......

Early 90's - Popcorn, Soft Drinks and Packaged Candies and the occasional hot dog







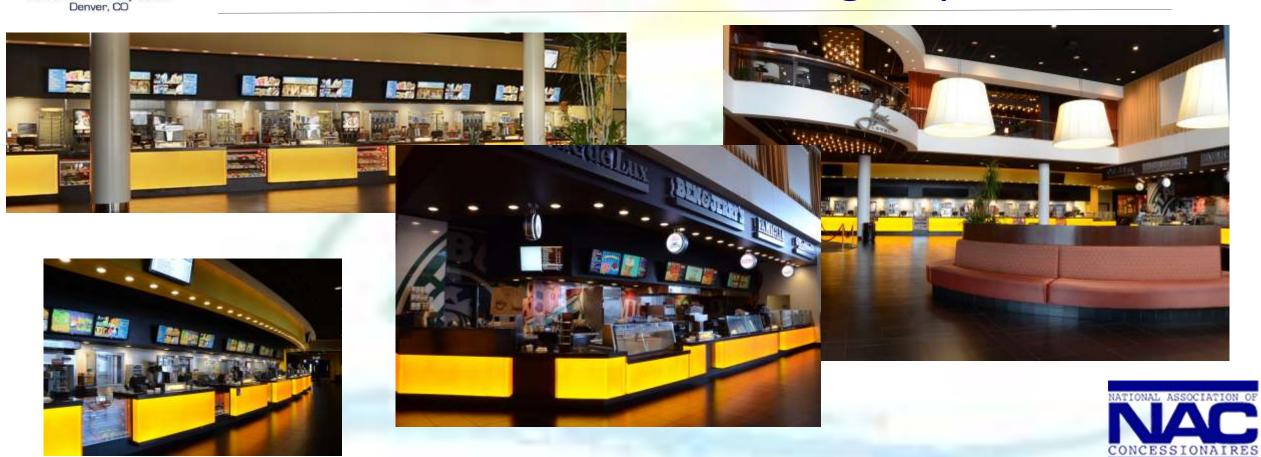


Remember when bottled water and nachos were "revolutionary?"



Denver Marriott City Center

## Watching The Concession / "Snack Bar" Evolve into a Food & Beverage Operation



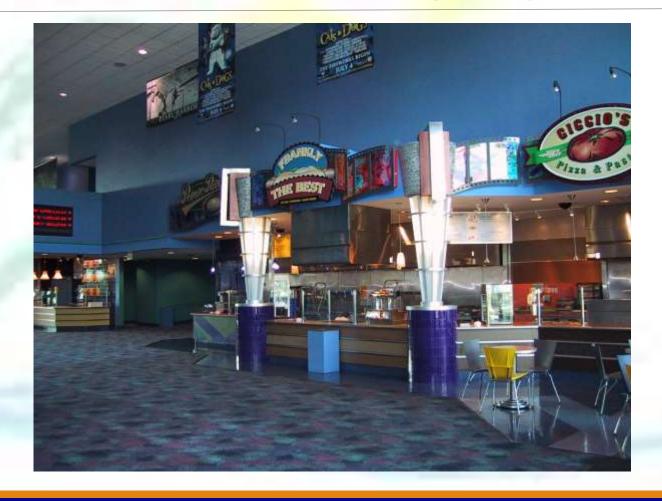


Denver, CO

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#### The Food Court concept:











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## Enclosed Lobby Bars – Innovative yet limited in potential

- Requires commitment from guest to arrive early / stay after feature ends
- Time constraints can you get them into their movie in time?
- Can't take the booze with you in many cases
- Secluded Guests can't always see the action / sometimes tucked away into an available "corner" of the lobby
- In some cases, an afterthought. Added to existing cinema in available space
- Seating may not be adequate to handle pre-show crowds
- Some require / have separate kitchen and require dedicated staff that is not easily shared with concessions
- Not much action during the day / weekdays





## Lux Level – The Start of something BIG!











#### Our Biggest Competition

#### Guest's Living Rooms, Comfy Chairs and Home Theatres

What CAN'T they get at home?

- Waiter / Waitress
- Call Button Service
- Premium Cocktails at the push of a button
- No kitchen to clean up at the end
- All under one roof, park once, eat before during or after the movie....





## Hearing the Guest / Changing Expectations

#### What the guest has demanded:

- Demand for foods that are "fresher" / perceived healthier / actually healthier
- When we first started Lux Level WE decided that finger foods were the limit to guest's ability to "dine in the dark"
- Almost immediately feedback where are my salads, full size burgers? Give me a steak!
- Keep in mind when building out kitchen that guests may demand something that you have not planned for. A lot easier to build it to potential than try to retrofit and cram in a cook line when you were CERTAIN that they would never want anything more than popcorn shrimp
- Be ready to adapt. Taking 6 months to react can cost you a guest





## Enhancing The Experience through F & B

- We can't always guarantee the quality of what is on the screen
- We can delivery EVERYTHING that a restaurant can but we can do it with ONE reservation, ONE time to park the car, at a time that is convenient for the guest timing a movie and a restaurant can be tricky and stressful. Babysitters, etc...
- Make it easy for the guest. They should not have to jump through hoops
- What the guest has demanded from us so far...
  - Delivering quality food, consistently. They are counting on us. The pressure is on! This is their night out. We can't blow it!
  - Quality meals at a reasonable price can't price steak at same markup as popcorn
  - Quick service at least for drinks and apps. Get to the guests within 3 minutes of being seated
  - Lighted guest check presenters so they can view checks with ease



## Showcase Super Lux Chestnut Hill (Boston Suburbs)

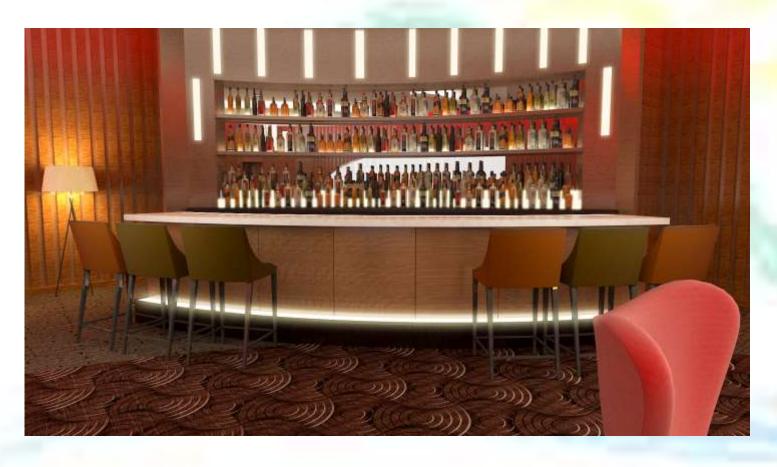








## Showcase Super Lux Chestnut Hill Lobby Lounge







#### Featured on PHANTOM GOURMET











#### Challenges

- Keeping menu fresh and trendy Can't change it every 2 3 months like a restaurant
- Regulations Keeping up with the rules and knowing what's coming next
- Calorie posting, etc...
- More of a focus on organic, GMO free, locally grown
- Keeping good inventory control / having a robust reporting system
- Staffing and Training Retaining help during non-peak seasons
- Staff working slower matinees / less tip potential (we balance the shifts when possible to give everyone
  a weekend night and a matinee shift when possible)





#### **Execution** is critical!

#### **Protecting the environment / Auditorium Decorum**

- Finding the best way to approach seats and communicate
- What can be consumed in seat vs. what is not practical soup, pastas, etc. are difficult to handle
- Key Learnings silverware is okay! Stemless glassware helps with tipping / breakage
- Higher light levels so they can see their menu and their meal
- "HOLD" functionality on POS to get guests "another round" with limited interaction at the seat
- We have learned to Keep it simple. Don't let the menu get away on you. Sometimes less is more
- The benefit of a 2-hour movie makes the wait a little less painful when the kitchen is slammed



### Not every location can be a Super Lux

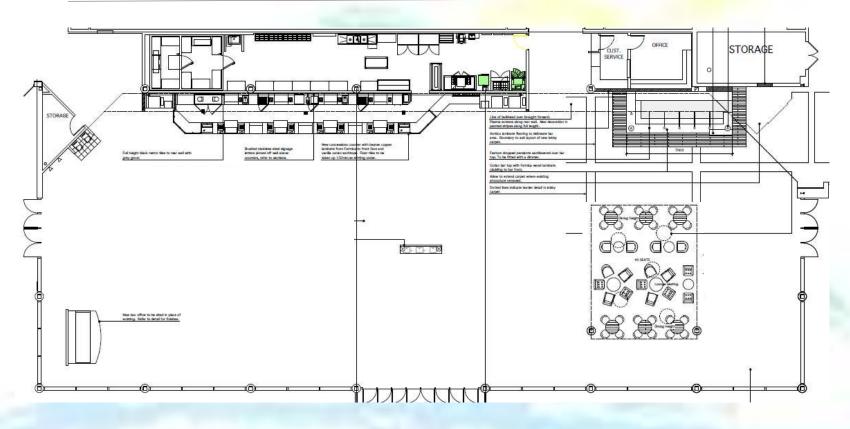
Guests vary, competition varies and the business model varies. Not everything needs a large kitchen and a wait staff!

Our latest project: (Woburn, MA)

- Get the benefit of Beer, Wine and Liquor Experience without the added labor and costs
- Meeting the guest's expectations without breaking the bank.
   Capital investment and overhead is lessened
- Cocktails become part of the "concession" experience

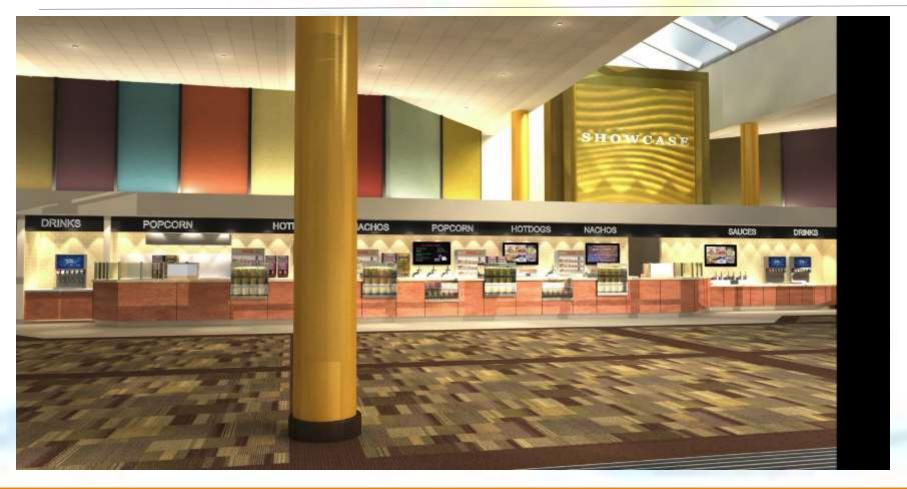














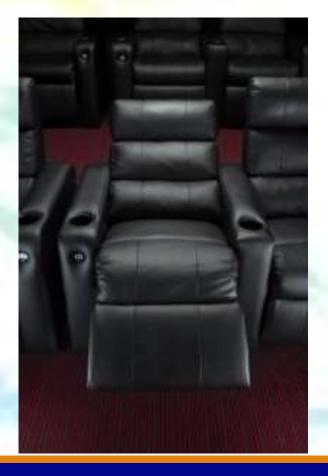
















### Liquor Licenses / Safe Service

Currently have 16 liquor licenses in the U.S. including Showcase LIVE venue at Gillette Stadium

- Vary between full box, isolated wet zones and in-theatre service
- NYS, while close to amending laws, is still a challenge with alcohol service with the auditoriums

UK has 13 locations that serve alcohol

Local jurisdictions may have concerns / require additional measures for safe service of alcohol – especially in low light auditoriums. Biggest questions is how we will patrol and control passing of drinks

- TiPS Certification for all managers, bartenders, servers and runner of alcohol
- Must be certified before their first shift alone (without a trainer in tandem)
- UV Pen lights and License scanners to check validity of document
- "Night Vision" technology being tested for observing auditorium activity in low light situations
- Distinct glassware to identify alcohol beverages vs. non-alcohol













#### Mixing It Up.....

#### We recognize the importance of alcohol as part of the experience

- Training is key!
- Mixology work with a professional. It is worth the investment!
- Fresh products, simple and tasteful cocktails, fun garnishes.... Find the balance
- When is it overkill / when is it too basic?
- Leverage liquor / mixer partners for funding for menu printing and technology investments





### Mixing It Up.....

#### **Detailed Recipes with CLEAR specifications**

- Specify type of liquor
- Pour ratio
- Glass type and size
- How to assemble?
- USE PICTURES!!!!
- Leave nothing to guessing

Long Islander – Sangria Makes 1 cocktail

2 oz Long Island Liquor Mix (see recipe)1/2 oz Monin Blackberry Sangria syrup2 oz Fresh Lemon Sour (see recipe)

1 1/2 – 2 oz Hey Mambo Sultry Red wine Garnish: lemon wedge on a bamboo pick

- Measure the liquor mix, syrup and lemon sour into a pint mixing glass.
- Fill to the top with ice.
- Cap and shake.
- Pour into serving glass.
- Top with red wine.
- Garnish.

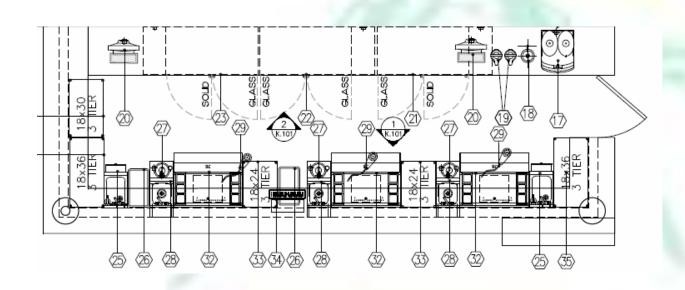
Service: 14 oz LK Retro Red Speckled Glass







### Kitchen and Bar Design



#### **Built for speed!**

- Repeat stations for multiple bartenders
- Limits crossovers
- Everything within reach
- Storage / Glassware space is critical





### SmartBarUSA / Smartender™

2 units in test – Massachusetts and Ohio

#### **Benefits**:

- Allows for "on the move" service in lobby or theatres where permissible by law / license restrictions
- \$20k investment with good return
- Portion control / perfect recipes / little training

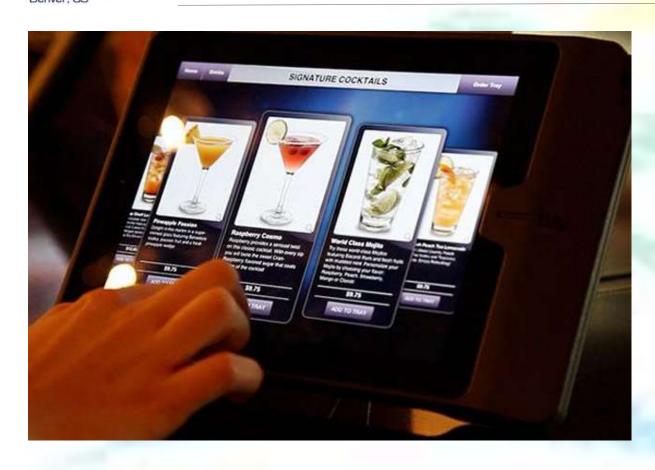
#### **Challenges**:

- Mobility in ramped theatre aisles
- Required 1 gal BIBS which are not always readily available from Pepsi & Coke









#### iPad Menu Browsing

- Rule for static menus:
   Everything with a picture is a top seller
- In this case, <u>everything</u> has a photo







## Ordering Ordering

- Aloha product
- Can do almost
   EVERYTHING a fixed POS
   can do including taking
   credit card payment and
   printing receipts seat-side





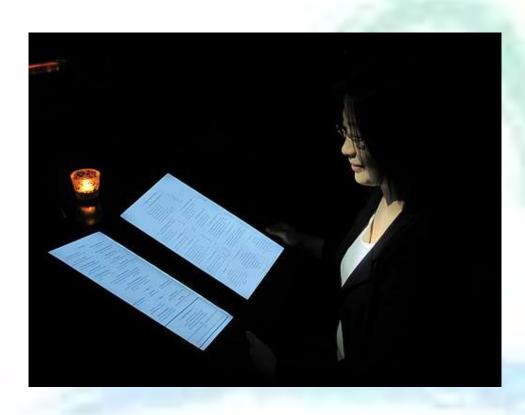


#### Kitchen Display

- Aloha product
- Get orders into kitchen without having to leave the auditorium or table







#### L.E.D. Menu Jackets

- Easy to read in low light environments
- Diffused to tone down light level





#### Sales Mix and Fun Facts

- In-Seat guest spend is about 5x a typical concession spend
- Stability in the number. Meals not necessarily affected by film genre, guest
- Popcorn is still the #1 item in-seat
- Appetizers are #1 category in the auditorium
- On average 50/50 mix of food to liquor
- Alcohol light during matinee, food lighter for late shows
- 1<sup>st</sup> evening show (dinner rush) is about 60%-65% food
- Appetizer sampler most popular item between restaurants and in-seat
- Increased frequency of visits for premium experience guests vs. traditional
- Getting that extra round of drinks and core concession "add-ons" help bring margins closer to norm





### Its Not Always About The Movies

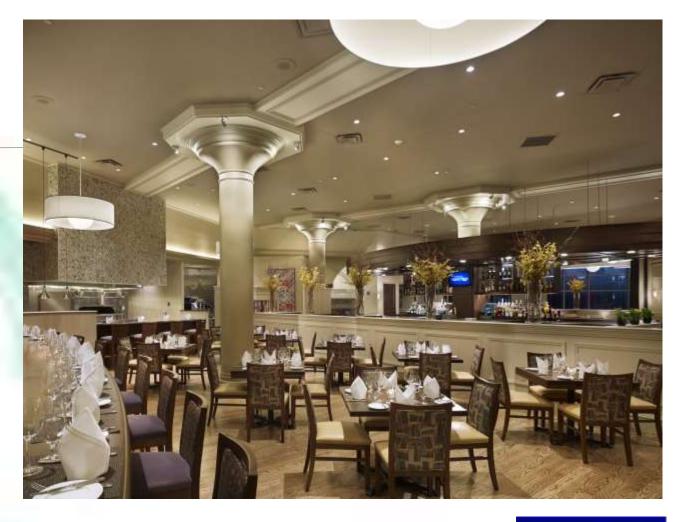
- Davio's Cucina at Chestnut Hill (owned and operated by us)
- 242 seat standalone fine-dine restaurant in shared tenant space with cinema
- No movie ticket purchase
- Not at all part of the cinema food service ops
- Standalone operation. Very seldom sharing guests with cinema in the same evening





### Davio's Cucina









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