

Industry Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony held in Baltimore on November 8. Pearlman is the majority owner and president of both NAFCO Wholesale Fish Dealers and Congressional Seafood Company, Inc., both headquartered in Jessup, Maryland.

Pearlman started off his career in the food industry in the meat business in 1973. He moved from beef and pork into seafood, buying a small seafood company called NAFCO in 1991. After establishing himself with retail chains and

institutional distributors, Pearlman expanded the business into the world of fine dining and gourmet markets by opening Congressional Seafood in 1996. In 2003, he started a retail line of pre-packaged seafood under the label, Baltimore Crab Company. Since then, NAFCO and Congressional have become valued partners in delivering the best product to the region's stores and chefs. Pearlman joins such notable members of the Maryland Food Industry Hall of Fame as Frank Perdue of Perdue Farms and Brice and Shirley Phillips, founders of Phillips Seafood.



D.C.'S Hay-Adams hotel has been named one of the best hotels in the country by Condé Nast.

#5 on its list of the 50 best hotels in the United States. The Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards are the longest-running and most prestigious recognition of excellence in the travel industry and are commonly known as "the best of the best of travel." Under Editor-in-Chief Pilar Guzmán, the Readers' Choice Awards have become more selective and specific to the passions that inspire today's travelers.

More than 300,000 travelers took part in the 30th annual Readers' Choice Awards survey — setting yet another new record — submitting millions of ratings and more than 100,000 comments, voting on a record-breaking 7,320 hotels and resorts, 610 cities, 225 islands, 468 cruise ships, 158 airlines, and 195 airports. "Being recognized by Condé Nast Traveler for a 2017 Readers' Choice Awards is an important achievement for our entire hospitality team," stated Hay-Adams VP & General Manager Hans Bruland. "We wish to thank our frequent guests for their ongoing support, helping us earn this achievement among our peers."

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...The Food Project, a program of UEmpower of Maryland, has received city and community approval for its new home, the Samuel FB Morse Elementary School on the southwest side of Baltimore. This 501c3 charitable group will assume 6,100 square feet of space on the main level, with the remainder of the building to be shared with another community empowerment program, 'I'm Still Standing.'

"We are blessed, extremely grateful, and very excited that the City of Baltimore shares our vision of what The Food Project can do

Family news

Caroline Kauffman-Kirschnick has been appointed president of Electric Motor Repair Company (EMR), effective January 1, 2018. The Baltimore-based service agency is currently celebrating 90 years in business, providing service, repair, installation, and sales to the commercial kitchen, refrigeration, industrial motor, elevator, and marine industries. Kauffman-Kirschnick will replace her father, Roger Kauffman, the company's longest-tenured employee, who was appointed president by his father, Harry Kauffman, in 1985.

Kauffman-Kirschnick began her career at EMR working summers from junior high throughout high school and, over the past 14 years, has been deeply involved in all aspects of the company. "I am honored to serve the company that I grew up in and that my father and grandfather have dedicated their lives to building over the last five decades," she said. "I look forward to continuing their hard work and spearheading the next technological and cultural evolution of EMR."

EMR was recently named as one of the 2017 Best Employers in Maryland, a new awards program by *The Daily Record*, Maryland SHRM State Council, Inc., and Best Companies Group. With 200 employees, the firm operates six locations serving the Mid-Atlantic region. For more information, visit www.emrco.com.

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