



Chris Albanese
Senior Vice President, Finance

Chris Albanese is Senior Vice President, Finance for Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen and an Officer of the parent company, Darden Restaurants, Inc.. In this role, he leads the brand finance team responsible for financial planning & analysis, marketing analysis, investment analysis, and operations analysis.

Chris began his career at Darden in 1993 as a Systems Specialist for Employee Services. From there, he went on to work as a Financial Analyst, Sr. Financial Analyst and eventually Manager, Operations Analysis at Red Lobster. After subsequent leadership roles in Supply Chain Finance and Business Analytics, Chris was promoted to Director of Finance for Olive Garden in 2014, where he led the Financial Planning & Analysis and Operations Analysis teams. In 2016, he joined the finance team at LongHorn Steakhouse where he was promoted to Sr. Director of Finance. Chris was promoted to his current role following Darden's acquisition of Cheddar's in 2017.



Chris graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's degree in Social Science and earned an MBA from the University of Central Florida.

Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen is part of the Darden family of restaurants. Darden owns and operates more than 2,100 Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, Yard House, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, The Capital Grille, Chuy's, Seasons 52, Eddie V's and Bahama Breeze restaurants in North America.