



DITTO FOODS LLC

HYDROPONIC PRODUCE

Derek is the CEO & Co-Founder of Ditto Foods LLC., a minority owned hydroponic farming company providing the highest quality lettuce, leafy greens, herbs and root vegetables.

Derek started Ditto Foods in April of 2020 as a direct result of losing his job at Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management due to COVID-19. With a newfound outlook on the importance of sustainability and creating generational wealth Derek stepped out on faith.

After graduating from Missouri State in 2003, Derek spent the next 3 years traveling throughout Asia where he gained a tremendous appreciation for Asian culture and cuisine. Upon returning from Asia, Derek started his journey of one day owning his own restaurant. This dream came to be in 2011 when he and a friend opened Ora Sushi in Chicago. After nearly 10 years, Ora continues to be a neighborhood staple.

With over 25 years in the food and beverage industry Derek has seen his share of ups and downs but has continuously held on to the lesson his grandmother taught him as a kid growing up in Ford Heights. You get what you want but you lose what you got. Live life powerfully and you will have a powerful life.

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