



The Jumbrella received product design honors.

BAHAMA RECEIVES RED DOT AWARD

An international jury evaluating design quality honored the Bahama Jumbrella with a Red Dot Award for product design. The umbrellas feature spoke membrane integration, exchangeable spokes, an internally strengthened center pole and a patented, maintenance-free servomechanism. The umbrellas are designed to endure heavy strain while remaining durable and safe, according to Bahama. The square-shaped umbrellas also come in a variety of colors.

Started in 1955, the German Red Dot Award honors the best products created each year. In 2018, designers and manufacturers from 59 countries submitted more than 6,300 objects in the competition. A jury of roughly 40 members assessed and tested each product.

DUDSON JOINS ARC CARDINAL

Arc Cardinal announced a partnership with Dudson. The two tableware manufacturers will bring a complete tabletop package of glassware, ceramic dinnerware and flatware to the hospitality industry. Arc Cardinal commercializes Arcoroc and Chef & Sommelier brands. Dudson has four dinnerware ranges; all carry a lifetime edge chip warranty.

BENBRIA AND KNOWCROSS PARTNER

Benbria formed a strategic partnership with Knowcross. The integration allows guests to send messages and requests, which hotel staff can receive and respond to via Benbria's Loop platform, from a wide range of preferred guest channels including SMS, Facebook Messenger, Twitter direct messages and more.

BULK TV ANNOUNCES MERGER

Bulk TV & Internet announced its acquisition by Marlin Equity Partners and merger with DCI Design Communications. The combined entity will deliver a triple play offering for converged video, data and voice solutions for the hospitality industry, according to Bulk TV, and provides services to more than 1 million rooms across the country.

VOLLRATH DEBUTS KIOSK CONCEPT



The Vollrath Company's Pivot Point provides two foodservice venues in one.

The Vollrath Company partnered with Christensen Consultants of San Jose, California, to fabricate the Pivot Point kiosk. Pivot Point provides two foodservice concepts in a 900-square-foot (84-square-meter) footprint that turns on a central table. According to Vollrath, it takes two people less than a minute to manually rotate Pivot Point from one foodservice concept to another.