



I'm **Bill Toner MBE**

CEO, CH&CO

Bill is a well-known and respected hospitality leader. A chef by trade, he has been instrumental in the growth and development of prominent catering businesses throughout his career, including Gardner Merchant, Aramark and HCM (Host Catermasters) Group as well as CH&CO.

Since HCM merged with CH&CO in 2015 to create CH&CO Group, Bill has led the specialist catering and hospitality business through significant organic and M&A growth to create a diverse and exciting business with expertise across workplaces, education, healthcare, leisure, cultural destinations, visitor attractions, venues and events. In 2018, the business' position of strength in the highly competitive foodservice marketplace was defined with a new, simplified structure and identity under the respected name, CH&CO, which Bill continued to lead, evolve and grow into the well-known and respected company it has become. CH&CO was acquired by Compass UK & Ireland in 2024, and Bill continues in the role of CEO as the business enters its next chapter as part of Compass' group of companies.

Throughout his career, Bill has actively supported and contributed to hospitality associations and charities, as well as business groups, including: trusteeships on Hospitality Action, Springboard UK and Savoy Educational Trust, membership of the CBI's London business group and Board membership of British Hospitality Association (UKHospitality), Adopt a School and Royal Academy of Culinary Arts.