

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

## Audi, James Beard Foundation honor female chefs with digital cookbook

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The new cookbook has 20 recipes from female chefs. Image credit: Audi

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German automaker Audi has partnered with the James Beard Foundation to honor female chefs with a new digital cookbook.



*A Place at the Table* is part of Audi's Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership (WEL) program and includes 20 recipes. To celebrate Women's History Month, the cookbook is now available to download for free.

## Culinary leaders

According to the James Beard Foundation, women account for 19 percent of head cooks and executive chefs in the United States. Only a third of restaurant businesses are majority owned by women, despite women making up more than half of all culinary school graduates.

The digital cookbook includes recipes from WEL program alumnae, including Katie Button, Katie Gerdes, Tracy Chang and Daniella Senior. Recipes include asparagus salad, yellow curried chicken, hand-pulled noodles and vanilla cake.

"For me, the best way to support other women in this industry is to believe that there's room at the table for all of us," Ms. Gerdes said in a statement.



A Cappelletti di Prosciutto recipe from Sabrina Tinsley. Image credit: James Beard Foundation

Additionally, *A Place at the Table* includes a directory of more than 70 women-led, -owned and -operated bars, restaurants and catering companies across the U.S.

The creative team behind the cookbook was led by women as well, with photographer Linda Xiao, food stylist Judy Kim and prop stylist Maeve Sheridan. Audi of America chief marketing officer Tara Rush contributed to the foreword.

Audi has a longtime relationship with the James Beard Foundation.

Since 2016, Audi of America has sponsored the WEL program, which provides business owners with in-depth educational and networking opportunities to build their companies and management skills. The initiative is in line with Audi's commitment to its #DriveProgress effort to champion gender equality (see story).

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