## Schussler plays art hound for Kona Grill site

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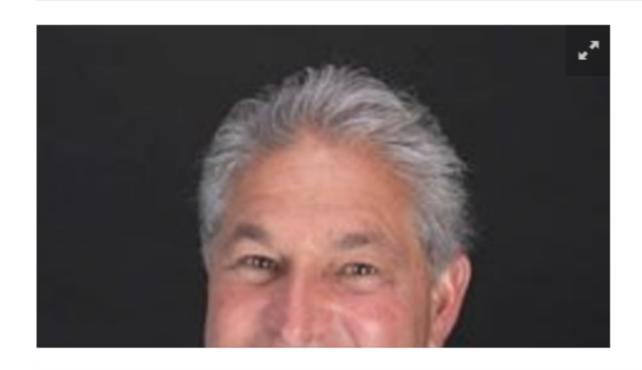
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Restaurant entrepreneur <u>Steve Schussler</u> didn't launch Kona Grill Inc.. But apparently he did decorate it — or at least the chain's Eden Prairie location.

Schussler, whose own restaurant credits include the Rainforest Café and Yak & Yeti (both since sold to Landry's Inc.), <u>bought more than 50 art pieces to help liven up the Kona Grill</u> (Nasdaq: KONA), the Star Tribune reports, including a wooden wall clock and glassware.



Schussler wasn't simply being altruistic; <u>he joined Kona Grill's board of</u> <u>directors last year</u>. Plus, he said, he eats there a lot.

Kona Grill is based in Scottsdale, Ariz., but its founder and former CEO, Michael McDermott, has moved to Minnesota. He's now focused on other concepts, notably Rojo Mexican Grill and the planned Ling & Louie's on Nicollet Mall.

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