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2025 Sponsorship Prospectus

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The Westin Rancho Mirage
Rancho Mirage, CA



What to Expect

Every year, hundreds of professionals representing the broad spectrum of California's grocery industry convene for three days to collaborate, network and develop new approaches to their businesses. CGA combines these foundational elements with an exciting line-up of speakers that challenges you to think differently and anticipate the changing trends and new directions of the industry in California.

Conference sponsors gain the added benefit of a set number of pre-arranged meetings with selected participating retailers that promises to increase your effectiveness, generate fresh strategies and new business leads.

Break Away from the Typical Trade Show Experience

At the CGA Conference, we have created unique productive opportunities to gain meaningful appointments with some of your top customers.

Would you prefer to have your own, customized meeting room to design the environment that reflects your brand and in-store product displays? No problem! And we will bring the customers to you.

Or, if you are looking for a more exclusive, customized opportunity to promote your company without the normal sponsorship clutter that also includes integrated sampling opportunities, we've got you covered.

Just looking for an opportunity to get your product in front of California retail decision makers? Check out the Networking Lounge opportunity that keeps your products on display for all CGA Conference attendees to experience.

Not only that, but CGA packs the agenda with multiple networking opportunities and top-caliber educational sessions creating a highly productive, three-day event that will help build your business with California's retail grocers.



Who Attends

The CGA Conference is the most productive, well-attended, annual gathering of the California grocery industry. The CGA Conference offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity to connect with executives, senior management, procurement teams, and other professionals from throughout the California grocery industry. From national companies to large regional chains, ethnic specialty supermarkets and quality independent operators, CGA brings together owners, senior-level executives and category buyers representing the broad-spectrum of California's grocery industry.

Whether you represent a new, niche product or an established national brand, this is the gathering of top industry decision-makers that is not to be missed.

2023/2024 Retail Company Attendees:

Albertsons/Vons/Pavilions	Gelson's Markets	Ralphs Grocery Company
Bristol Farms/Lazy Acre/ New Leaf Market	Harvest Market	Safeway Stores
(Good Food Holdings)	Mar-Val Food Stores	The Save Mart Companies
C&K Markets, Inc.	Mollie Stone's Market	Smart & Final Stores
Cardenas Markets	North State Grocery, Inc.	Sprouts Farmers Market
(Heritage Grocers Group)	Northgate Gonzalez Markets	Stater Bros. Markets
Costco Wholesale	Nugget Markets	Super A Foods
Chedraui USA, Inc.	Numero Uno Markets	Super King Markets
(Bodega Latina Corp.)	Nutricion Fundamental	Superior Grocers
Dehoff's Key Market	PAQ, Inc. (Food4Less	Susanville Supermarket
Food 4 Less/Foods Co.	Stockton/Rancho San Miguel)	United Markets, Inc.
Foods Etc.		Youngs Payless Market

Sponsorship Overview

We understand that your time needs to be as productive as possible. The CGA Conference sponsorships provide you with customized, prearranged appointments several weeks prior so that you can plan your customer presentations and be as targeted and effective as possible.

The CGA Conference annually boasts more than 800 individual business meetings that help suppliers and retailers build connections and optimize their time at the conference. Add in constant opportunities to connect with your most important partners all in one location and you have the gold standard of industry conferences.

How the Meeting Scheduling Works

- CGA provides all sponsors with a complete list of participating retailers.
- Sponsors indicate which retailers, in order of preference, they would like to meet with. Retailers receive a list of all participating sponsors and indicate which companies they would like to meet with.
- CGA works to connect mutual requests between retailers and sponsors, and creates personalized schedules for each company.
- Meeting priority is determined by sponsorship level and ranked in order by when CGA receives sponsorship payment and completed contract.
- Final schedules are provided to sponsors after CGA completes the scheduling process and confirms the meetings.
- To ensure that meetings are productive for all involved, certain guidelines will apply.
- Non-suite in-person sponsors will move amongst the retailer review rooms based on their schedule. Individual retailer review rooms will not be assigned for the duration of the show.

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CGA is a very productive conference. Terrific interaction with our business partners. The Illuminators made the event extra enjoyable. Work that doesn't feel like work... See you there next year.

Karl Shroeder, President, Northern California Division
Albertsons Companies

Premium Suite Holder

20 Spaces Available; 18 Sold

Premium Suite Holders receive private, reserved use of their own business conference suite for hosting 40-minute retailer meetings. Premium Suites offer the ideal setting to create an environment that reflects your individual brand and style. A host of premium recognition benefits are also included in this sponsorship package.

Benefits:

- Private, exclusive, use of a business conference suite*
- Personal suite wifi service with private password
- Pre-scheduled, 40-minute appointments with retailers in business conference suite
- Ability to present television commercial (0:30) during conference General Session
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Sponsor recognition on homepage of conference website
- Sponsor recognition during conference General Session
- Sponsor recognition on event signage
- Four (4) complimentary conference registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information
- On-site promotional opportunities exclusive to suite sponsors

Pricing: \$37,000

*Suite amenities include: Lighting & temperature controls, and sound proof space.

Executive Level

In addition to priority scheduling for 20-minute retailer review meetings, the Executive Level sponsorship includes up to five (5) extended, 40-minute retailer meetings. Elevated sponsor recognition benefits accompany this level of sponsorship.

Benefits:

- Pre-scheduled, 20-minute retailer review meetings are based on retail availability (limit 5, additional meetings at 40-minutes)
- Priority meeting scheduling
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Three (3) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information

Pricing: \$20,000



President Level

President Level sponsors receive second-priority scheduling for 20-minute retailer review meetings without the traditional expenses associated with exhibit display logistics.

Benefits:

- Pre-scheduled, 20-minute retailer review meetings
- Preferred meeting scheduling
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information

Pricing: \$10,000



Director Level

The Director Level sponsorship includes the ability to showcase store displays and sample products in the main meeting hall.

Benefits:

- 10 x 8 display space**
- On-site sampling rights
- Pre-scheduled, 20-minute retailer review meetings
- Company listing on event website
- Company listing on event mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact

Pricing: \$7,000

(CGA Members receive a \$500 discount on Director Level sponsorship)

**Please Note: Gather California does not include a traditional exhibit experience. Floor traffic is commonly lighter, and the 10 x 8 booth should be considered more as a display space and not an interactive booth experience..



Sunday Opening Reception

Three Available (Not Category Exclusive)

The Opening Night Reception is one of the signature social events at the CGA Conference. Here, attendees gather for an unparalleled opportunity to network with their industry peers in a fun, relaxed environment. Sponsorship is limited to three (3) co-sponsors.

Benefits:

- Pre-scheduled, 20-minute retailer review meetings
- Brand/product integration into sponsored event (if applicable)
- Sampling rights
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information
- Recognition on-site and in advance publicity materials
- Mentioning sponsored event including:
 - Multiple on-site signage opportunities in sponsored area
 - Rotating advertising banner on conference website

Pricing: \$17,500



Monday Morning General Session Sponsor

Exclusive Opportunity - One Available

The Monday Morning General Session signifies the kick off of the educational program with an insightful educational speaker. Sponsorship of this event offers your company executive the opportunity to address attendees and welcome them to the 2025 conference.

Benefits:

- Pre-scheduled, 20-minute retailer review meetings
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information
- Recognition on-site and in advance publicity materials mentioning sponsored element including:
 - Podium opportunity
 - Reserved seating

Pricing: \$17,500



Tuesday Morning General Session Sponsor

Exclusive Opportunity - One Available

Tuesday's General Session starts the day with an insightful educational speaker. Sponsorship of this event offers your company executive the opportunity to address attendees.

Benefits:

- Pre-scheduled, 20-minute retailer review meetings
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information
- Recognition on-site and in advance publicity materials mentioning sponsored element including:
 - Podium opportunity
 - Reserved seating

Pricing: \$17,500



Tuesday Luncheon Sponsor

Exclusive Opportunity - One Available

Tuesday's conference program is highlighted by the Emerging Brands Pitch Contest presentations. Presenting this high energy program includes the unique opportunity for your company's executive to address the audience.

Benefits:

- Pre-scheduled, 20-minute retailer review meetings
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information
- Recognition on-site and in advance publicity materials mentioning sponsored element including:
 - Podium opportunity

Pricing: \$17,500

Networking Lounge Sponsor

Exclusive Opportunity - One Available

This area provides an opportunity to present your brand while providing a valuable enhancement to the attendee experience.

Benefits:

- Brand/product integration into a highly visible traffic space
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information
- Recognition on-site and in advance publicity materials mentioning sponsored element including:
 - Multiple on-site signage opportunities in sponsored area

Pricing: \$17,000



Dine for a Cause Transportation Sponsor

Exclusive Opportunity - One Available

Promote your products during the CGA conference Dine for a Cause evening event. Place information or products in the hands of each participating attendee as they board their busses and head out for a delicious night on the town.

Monday's Dine for a Cause is more than just a dinner—it's a dining experience at some of the deserts iconic restaurants, where conference attendees will indulge in signature dishes, network, and celebrate Palm Springs' local flavors. Place your brand alongside this feel-good evening of networking and raising money for industry scholarships.

Benefits:

- Pre-scheduled, 20-minute retailer review meetings
- Branded transportation (vehicle signage or window decals)
- Ability to provide product samples for riders (alcoholic beverages allowed)
- Company listing on the conference website
- Company listing on the conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information
- Recognition on-site and in advance publicity materials mentioning sponsored event

Pricing: \$12,500

Conference Lanyard Sponsor

Exclusive Opportunity - One Available

CGA is pleased to offer this high-profile opportunity with unlimited brand exposure during Conference. Provided to all conference attendees at registration, this exclusive feature puts your brand around the neck of every attendee at the event - even your competitors!

Benefits:

- Pre-scheduled, 20-minute retailer review meetings
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information
- Company branding on conference badge lanyards (one color print)

Pricing: \$12,000 - SOLD

Conference Hotel Room Key Card Sponsor

Exclusive Opportunity - One Available

Be the company that is in everyone's wallet with this exclusive sponsorship opportunity. Hotel room key cards are sleek and portable, making it easy for your marketing message to travel beyond the timeframe of the event.

Benefits:

- Pre-scheduled, 20-minute retailer review meetings
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information
- Company branding on conference host hotel key cards

Pricing: **\$12,000 - SOLD**



WiFi Sponsor

Exclusive Opportunity - One Available

Fast, free WiFi is a highly valued and prized service by attendees and exhibitors alike. This sponsorship offers a unique opportunity to get your product/brand in front of all attendees at the event.

Benefits:

- Pre-scheduled, 20-minute retailer review meetings
- Custom splash page: Your company message will be the first seen by attendees when connecting to the network.
- Company name on signage at conference registration
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information
- Recognition in advance publicity materials mentioning sponsored element

Pricing: \$10,000



Conference App Sponsor

Exclusive Opportunity - One Available

This sponsorship offers a unique opportunity to get your brand in front of all attendees at the event right in their own pocket

Attendees utilize the app to view the event schedule, learn about the speakers and educational sessions, help navigate with an interactive map, view the list of all attendees, and can refer back to the app after the event is over. Make your brand front and center of it all with this exclusive sponsorship.

Benefits:

- Pre-scheduled, 20-minute retailer review meetings
- Preferred meeting scheduling
- Company recognition in all advance publicity materials
- Company name on signage at conference registration
- Company name on mobile app home screen and sole banner advertisement opportunity throughout the app
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information

Pricing: \$8,500 - SOLD

Photo Booth Sponsor

Exclusive Opportunity - One Available

Make attendees smile and boost brand awareness with this exclusive photo studio sponsorship. Participants can get a new professional studio grade headshot or grab a group photo with their coworkers all with your company's logo front and center. Set in a prime location, your brand will not be missed with this new sponsorship opportunity.

Benefits:

- Recognition in advance publicity materials mentioning sponsored element
- Custom signage and branded materials for space
- Company branded print and digital photo sharing
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information

Pricing: \$8,000



Charging Stations Sponsor

Exclusive Opportunity - One Available

Looking for something unique and attention-getting to attract conference attendees to your branding? Sponsorship of the charging stations offers your company brand recognition to attendees without the cost of a traditional display booth.

Benefits:

- Recognition in advance publicity materials mentioning sponsored element
- Branded charging stations located on the show floor near meeting rooms
- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- Two (2) complimentary registrations
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information

Pricing: \$6,000



California Grocer Magazine Door Drop Sponsor

Exclusive Opportunity - One Available

Gain a competitive advantage with a customized bag delivered directly to retail attendees at The Westin Mission Hills. Retailers will enjoy a *California Grocer* magazine delivered to their door in a bag sponsored by your company which can be used during and long after the show.

Benefits:

- Company listing on conference website
- Company listing on conference mobile app
- One (1) complimentary registrations
- Hotel room door delivery to all retailer attendees
- Delivery will include a copy of the California Grocer magazine in your company's personalized bag.
- Hotel delivery fees included in price.
- Complete list of participating retailers including full contact information

Pricing: \$4,000

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This was our first time attending the CGA Strategic Conference, and it was incredibly impressive. I think it may be one of the best kept secrets in the industry – and I’m a little nervous about even saying it here. But it’s so well organized, and extremely effective. There were multiple opportunities for networking, and the set up the one-on-one meetings was like no other, providing for very productive encounters. The CGA team was wonderful. It was an amazing conference, and we’re looking forward to attending again next year!

Cathy Barsotti, VP, Sales & Marketing
Barsotti Family Juice Company



A Fresh
Perspective

Reserve Your Space Today

Book Now!

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with California's top grocery industry decision-makers. Whether you represent a new, niche product or an established national supplier, the CGA Conference provides a highly productive opportunity to build your business in California's huge grocery segment. Last year's sponsorships sold out early so contact CGA now to secure your spot for this year's conference.

Conference Dates and Location

Saturday, September 20, 2025
Sunday, September 21, 2025
Monday, September 22, 2025
Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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