A Michelin awarded chef and 4x James Beard Semi Finalist, Niven Patel continues to hold a pursuit for knowledge as the driving force behind his career. Working closely with farmers and purveyors, he developed a deeper appreciation for the life cycle of produce and herbs. He bought his own two-acre farm in Homestead, known as Rancho Patel, and began cultivating greens, fruits and vegetables.

Chef Niven then partnered with restaurateur Mohamed Alkassar to launch Alpareno Restaurant Group and begin a culinary journey set to enhance the community of South Florida. Rancho Patel became the main inspiration for all Alpareno concepts: Ghee Indian Kitchen, Mamey, Orno, and Erba. While his restaurants serve a selection of cuisine from various regions, his inspiration is consistently focused on showcasing fresh, seasonal, and local ingredients.