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LA Food Show

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

2008

The relationships we have developed over the past 20 years are helping us survive in these scary, uncertain economic times. We know that we must continue to design great buildings and spaces while working within even tighter budgets to keep our clients competitive in their respective arenas. We are all hoping that our industry and the overall economy, in general, will recover in 2009.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you and your families a joyous, healthy, happy, and holy holiday season.

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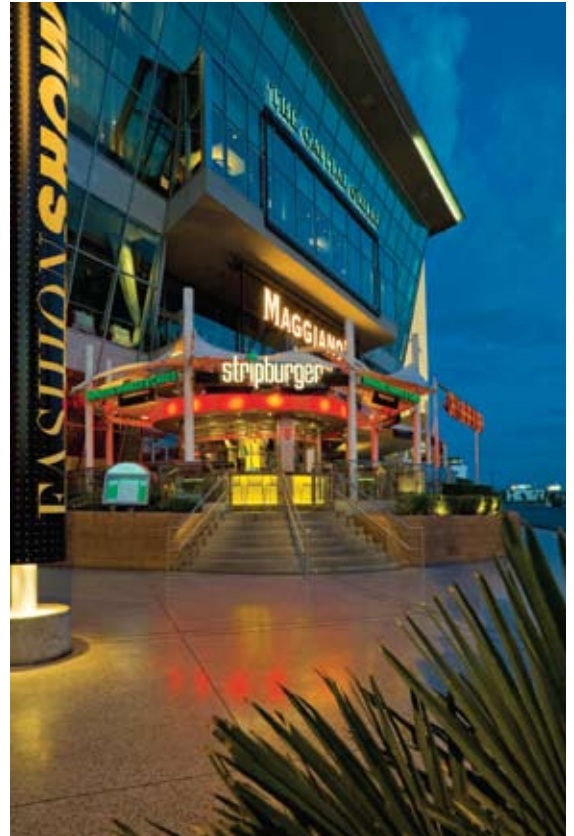
Photography By: Anthony Gomez

California Pizza Kitchen's LA Food Show concept is a celebration of the ever-evolving international culinary world. Aria Group Architects became involved with LA Food Show starting with the Beverly Hills location, which opened in October 2008. Some distinctive features of Aria Group's design include the use of exotic, floating rosewood ceilings, vertical grained zebra wood and rich, Bolivian rosewood walls highlighting a glowing stair. Diners in the mezzanine seating area overlook a dramatic view of the first floor. The design unifies existing architectural components such as exposed wood bow string trusses and aged brick with contemporary elements that reflect Los Angeles' glitz and glamour. The contractor for this location was Shawmut Design & Construction.

Stripburger

FASHION SHOW MALL, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

This upscale burger bar, an extension of Café Ba Ba Reeba, features specialty burgers and cocktails in a year-round outdoor dining experience on a raised patio accessed by a new stair directly up from the famous Las Vegas "Strip". Diners are seated around the circular bar area consisting of brushed aluminum columns and a bar die wall that is made of backlit channel glass. By night Strip burger comes alive, accented by changing, multi-colored LED lighting. It was built by Focus One Construction.



Photography by: Opulence Studios - Terry Mahanna

Nordstrom Café Bistro & eBar

KEYSTONE CROSSING, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA



Photography By: Anthony May Photography

Nordstrom is adding two food offerings for shoppers in the Fashion Mall at Keystone Crossing, The Café Bistro and the Nordstrom eBar. Upon entering the Café Bistro, customers are greeted with a view of the display kitchen and the pizza oven, where they can observe the chefs at work. The décor features warm wood tones, paint colors and fabrics. The textured wall panel, floating soffit, and wine display create a casual tone for this affordable café. Nordstrom eBar serves specialty coffee, freshly baked pastries, made-to-order smoothies, packaged sandwiches and salads, all to go. It is a great place to pick up quick refreshments during a busy shopping excursion.

Additional Nordstrom Café Bistro and eBar Locations that opened this year are The Mall at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township, MI and the Café Remodel at Old Orchard Mall in Skokie, IL.

Locations currently in the works are Kenwood Town Centre in Cincinnati, OH, and the Galleria in St. Louis, MO.

Cooper's Hawk

WHEELING, ILLINOIS

After enjoying success in Orland Park and Burr Ridge, Tim McEnery and Tom Roos are opening a third Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant. Each of the three Cooper's Hawk locations has a different style of winemaking providing a unique experience and a wide variety of wines to explore. Only the finest grapes from all over the country are used. Like Aria Group's vision for the Burr Ridge location, the modern design of the Wheeling location is the perfect backdrop for a winery that pairs its own house wines with a complementary menu. It features a Napa Style wine tasting room, full-service bar, private party rooms, and wine retail shop. This unique concept has taken off and more locations are in the planning stages. It was built by Lorient Construction.



Photography By: Brian Hall

Esplanade of Algonquin

ALGONQUIN, ILLINOIS



Photography By: Doug Snower

When featured in our 2005 newsletter, master planning studies were just completed and construction of the first buildings on the site began. Since then our client, Centerville Properties, has completed the site work for 75% of phase one along with the gateway, portico, and 3 mixed-use office/retail buildings. Their future plans include a daycare center, additional retail space, residential lofts and medical office opportunities. As the concept grows, the northwest suburbs will enjoy the benefits of a quality mixed-use development that brings vitality and community spirit to those who wish to work, live and play within this unique 50 acre environment.

California Pizza Kitchen

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA



Photography By: Anthony Gomez

In 1985 attorneys Rick Rosenfield and Larry Flax decided they wanted to get into the restaurant business. They started creating unique flavor combinations on hearth-baked pizzas and more than 20 years later, their California Pizza Kitchen concept is a popular international chain serving creative flavor combinations from around the world. The San Luis Obispo location marks the 92nd location opened during an ongoing, 12-year collaboration between CPK and Aria Group Architects. The San Luis Obispo location opened in 2007 and was built by Shawmut Construction.

Other CPK locations in the works include Wellesly, MA; Norcross, GA; Cherry Hill, NJ; Sacramento, CA; Valencia, CA; McEwen, TN and Charlotte, NC.

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center

ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS



Photography By: Doug Snover

We recently completed the final phase of the building addition we designed for Rosemont's convention center. Our design of the 50,000 SF conference center relates to the original design of the existing building while enhancing the entrance experience. Included in the design is a new porte cochere that features new fountains and extensive color changing LED lighting. Working closely with Degan and Rosato Construction and Gurtz Electric, we created a unique experience for visitors of this grand 900,000 SF facility. We also have the pleasure of working with the Village on a number of other projects that promise to continue the Village's reputation as a world class center for hospitality, business and entertainment.

Other 2008 Projects

COOPER'S HAWK
South Barrington
Lorient Construction
Opened December 2008

PF CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO
Dearborn, MI
Lorient Construction
Opened late Oct 2008

Annapolis, MD
Story Construction
Opened late Oct 2008

Biaggi's

RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI



Photography By: Anthony Gomez

Todd Hovenden, the founder of Biaggi's, asked us to design a new prototype for his Old World Italian Concept. The challenge was to create an upscale yet comfortable, casual experience that provides flexibility. The building is a one-story, free-standing structure with a variety of dining areas including an energetic bar, private dining rooms and an exterior patio. The focal point of the space is the display kitchen with a wood burning oven. The contractor was Lorient Construction.

Pinstripes

THE ARBORETUM, SOUTH BARRINGTON, ILLINOIS

The Pinstripes in Northbrook has been such a success for Dale Schwartz that developers around the country are asking him to consider more locations. The first new and improved Pinstripes is now open in the upscale Arboretum development in South Barrington, Illinois. This Pinstripes has a new exterior design to complement the style of the overall development. The plan has also evolved to provide two more interior Bocce courts, two more exterior courts, four additional bowling lanes and expanded banquet rooms. FCL Construction completed this new facility in September 2008.



Photography By: Doug Snower



West Hartford, CT
Shawmut Design &
Construction
Opening December 2008

HUBBELL & HUDSON BISTRO
The Woodlands, TX
D.E. Harvey Builders
Opening December 2008

MCCORMICK & SCHMICK'S
Houston at Town &
Country Village
Crown Construction Enterprises
Opening early summer, 2009

Scottsdale, AZ
Shawmut Design & Construction
Opened Fall 2008

Nando's Peri-Peri

WASHINGTON, D.C.



Photography By: Dan Cooper

In the 1980's, Robert Brozin and Fernando Duarte started Nando's, a UK-based chicken restaurant featuring Peri-Peri chili sauces. Their inspiration came from cuisine created centuries ago by Portuguese settlers in South Africa. When the concept developed a devoted following, Nando's spread worldwide. The opening of the first U.S. location was much anticipated by those who've enjoyed Nando's overseas, and Nando's is now being discovered by the general American public. Casual comfort and natural materials are key elements of the design, but each location reflects local flavor. Nando's walls are a gallery for contemporary African artists, a reflection of the owner's strong support of the arts.

Mon Ami Gabi/ The Canteen

RESTON, VIRGINIA

Mon Ami Gabi, a classic French Bistro, is part of a long and fruitful collaboration between Chef Gabino Sotelino and Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises. Aria Group has been involved with the design of several other Mon Ami Gabi locations prior to this one in the Reston Town Center. A new LEYE concept adjacent to the main restaurant, called The Canteen, provides quick meals to-go and wine by the bottle in a modern café-like atmosphere.



Photography By: Eric Kieley



Photography courtesy of Delta Downs

The Vista Grill

DELTA DOWNS RACE TRACK, VINTON, LOUISIANA

Delta Downs Racetrack, Casino and Hotel is a premier Boyd Gaming entertainment venue located two hours from Houston. The Vista Grill offers panoramic views of the racetrack and diners can watch the races in a casual setting. Spaces include private dining, a display kitchen, and tiered seating facing the race course. The bar is scaled for intimacy and has a dramatic liquor display open to the overall pavilion. Warm maple wood is used throughout and Brazilian walnut accents the walls and ceiling.

Houston, TX
Crown Construction Enterprises
Opened Fall 2008

LA MADIA
Chicago, IL
Crown Construction
Opened October 2007

SPORTS BAR, BLUE CHIP CASINO
Michigan City, IN
Walsh Construction
Opening January 2009

OAK TREE RESTAURANT
900 N. Michigan
Chicago, IL
Opened November 2008

P.F. Chang's China Bistro

TOWSON TOWN CENTER, MARYLAND

For over ten years Aria Group's partnership with P.F. Chang's has resulted in successful restaurant openings across the country. We continue to create distinctive new locations for P.F. Chang's while maintaining a strong brand identity. The new location at Towson Town Center in Maryland is no exception. Located on the prominent corner of Dulany Valley Road and Fairmont Avenue, the restaurant is part of a mall expansion project. The dramatic interior lighting and custom fixtures provide a strong visual anchor as you approach the development at night. It was built by Story Construction.



Photography By: Eric Kieley

Other P.F. Chang's that have opened in 2008 include Annapolis, MD; Dearborn, MI; Huntsville, AL; Natick, MA; Plymouth Meeting, PA; and West Hartford, CT.

Locations currently in the works include Dedham, MA; Akron, OH; Temecula, CA; and Buffalo, NY.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant

EDINA, MINNESOTA



Photography By: Anthony Gomez

The new McCormick & Schmick's location is in the Westin Edina Galleria adjacent to the Galleria Mall; a high-end specialty retail shopping center. Continuing Aria Group's track record of bringing to life each new McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant, the Edina location features many of their signature elements, such as custom stained glass windows and mahogany wood millwork.

McCormick & Schmick's has opened over 80 locations and this is the third to open in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. At 8000 SF, it seats roughly 300 guests with outdoor seating available as well. The Edina McCormick & Schmick's is ideally located to provide catering services to the Westin Hotel. It was built by Crown Construction.

**WHEATFIELDS BISTRO
AND WINE BAR**
Clifton Park, NY
Schematic design
Opening late spring 2009

KONA GRILL
City North
Phoenix, AZ
Wolfe Construction
Opened November 2008

West Palm Beach, FL
In-Motion Builders
Opened November 2008

Gilbert, AR
Hayworth Corporation
Opened June 2008

Aria Winter Break

PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



In January, Aria Group Architects packed their bags and flew down to beautiful Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, for a much-needed break. This all-suites resort was the perfect tropical setting for our staff, family and friends to unwind and have fun together. While it was an especially cold and snowy January at home, our team enjoyed pristine white beaches and the calming motion of palm trees swaying in the balmy breeze. Many people took advantage of activities that included golfing, snorkeling excursions and a day trip to historic Santo Domingo. Others were content to simply lounge by the beach or pool, soak in some sun and read a good book. This relaxing escape from the bluster of a Chicago winter was a great team building experience.



Photos By: (top) David Riggs, (from left) Frank Cavanaugh, Dan Bernatek, Joe Vajda

Aria Personals

3/3/08 Matthew Clarke

Matt earned a Bachelor of Arts and Architectural Studies from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1999. Prior to his tenure at Aria Group Architects Matt worked for Wight & Company. He started there as an Intern Architect and achieved the position of Project Architect. Matt joined Aria Group in March 2008 as a Project Coordinator.

3/10/08 Amy Krol

Amy graduated from Harrington College of Design in Chicago, IL in December 2007 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design. Prior to joining Aria Group, she worked at Looney & Associates, working on large scale hotel projects. She joined Aria Group at the beginning of March, 2008.

5/6/08 Tristin Klaas

Tristin graduated from DePaul University, with a bachelor's degree in Marketing, in 2001, and went on to work in the field of event marketing for clients such as GM and Bacardi. In 2006, she obtained her second degree, in Interior Design, from Harrington, and worked as a designer for the Childs Dreyfus Group for 2 years, before coming on board with Aria in May of 2008.

5/16/08 Laura Lencioni

Laura graduated in 1993 from Loyola University Chicago with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts concentrating in Medical Illustration. After years working as a Graphic Designer mainly in Medical Advertising, she became the Marketing Coordinator for Power Construction. Laura joined Aria Group as Marketing Coordinator in May 2008.

Sadly, we'd like to acknowledge the passing of two special people. **Brian Stubstad**, a client and friend for over 10 years. And one of our own, **John Trombino**. A gifted designer with a genuine kindness. They will be missed by all of us.

Congratulations to **Kenta Bacas Hosaka** and **Chris Hamer** who became registered architects in October 2008.

Congratulations to **Pam and Josh Grossman** on the birth of their first baby, Graham, who was born in May 2008 and also to **Dori and Juan Betancur** on the birth of their first baby, Julian. He was born in November 2008.

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