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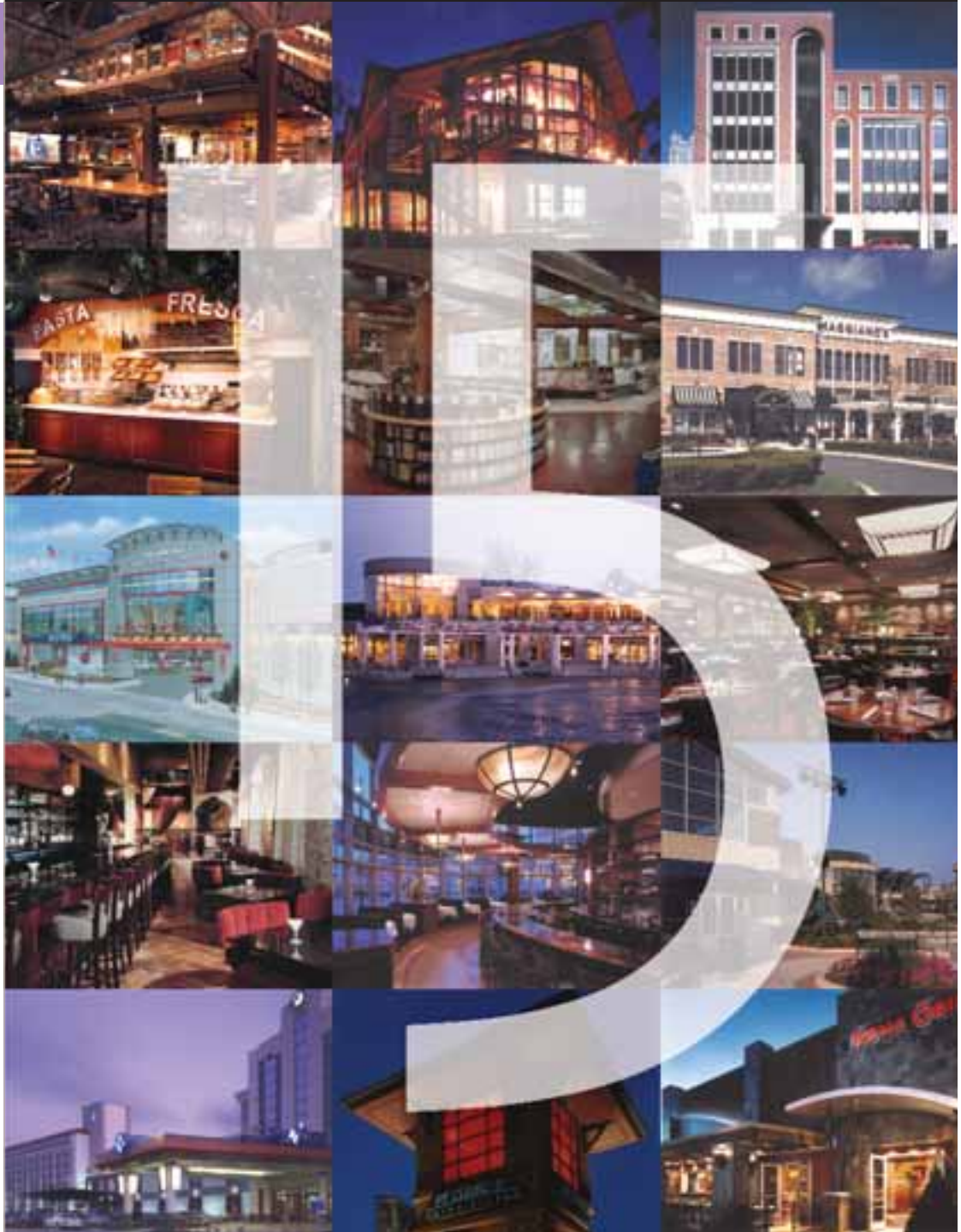
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We're celebrating fifteen
successful years in business!

2004

It has been 15 years since Jim, Kathy, Walt, and Joe got together to form Aria Group. From our first days in Jim and Kathy's home, we have been providing a high level of service while designing great projects for great clients. Over the years, Tom and Frank have become principals and Chris DeBoer an associate. Today, we have a growing firm of 41 talented, energetic people producing projects all over the United States and even in Europe. We have been fortunate to be able to design casinos, resorts, hotels, office buildings, shopping centers, conference centers, multifamily homes, industrial buildings, retail buildings and over 500 restaurants which have improved and facilitated our clients' business, their employee's lives and their patron's experiences. We would like to thank our clients for the opportunities and their loyalty. We would also like to express our appreciation of our fellow team members; the consultants, contractors and vendors who help make our projects a success.

Jim, Kathy, Walt, Joe, Tom, Frank, Pam H, Lois, Dan, Dave N., Chris D., Paula, Catrin, Jamie, Mark, Lan, Alison, Pam G., Ronnie, Arturo, Jason, Maria, Dennis, Robert, David R., Debbie, Stacey, Beth, Neal, Susan, Ryan, Megan, Darrell, Laura, Kenta, Nazario, Gabriela, Lillian, Nik, Chris H & Chris B.



Wildfire

SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS



Photos by: Steinkamp/Ballogg Photography

This year we opened the newest and largest Wildfire in Schaumburg, IL., which included a number of party rooms and a larger more active bar. We also expanded the original Wildfire in River North with 3 new party rooms.



WE ARE CURRENTLY
DEVELOPING A NEW DESIGN
FOR THIS SUCCESSFUL
CONCEPT IN GLENVIEW AND
STUDIES FOR POTENTIAL
SITES IN LAS VEGAS AND
TYSON'S CORNER, VIRGINIA.



Renderings by: Frank Giovannone



PF Chang's China Bistro

MAPLE GROVE, MINNESOTA | SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



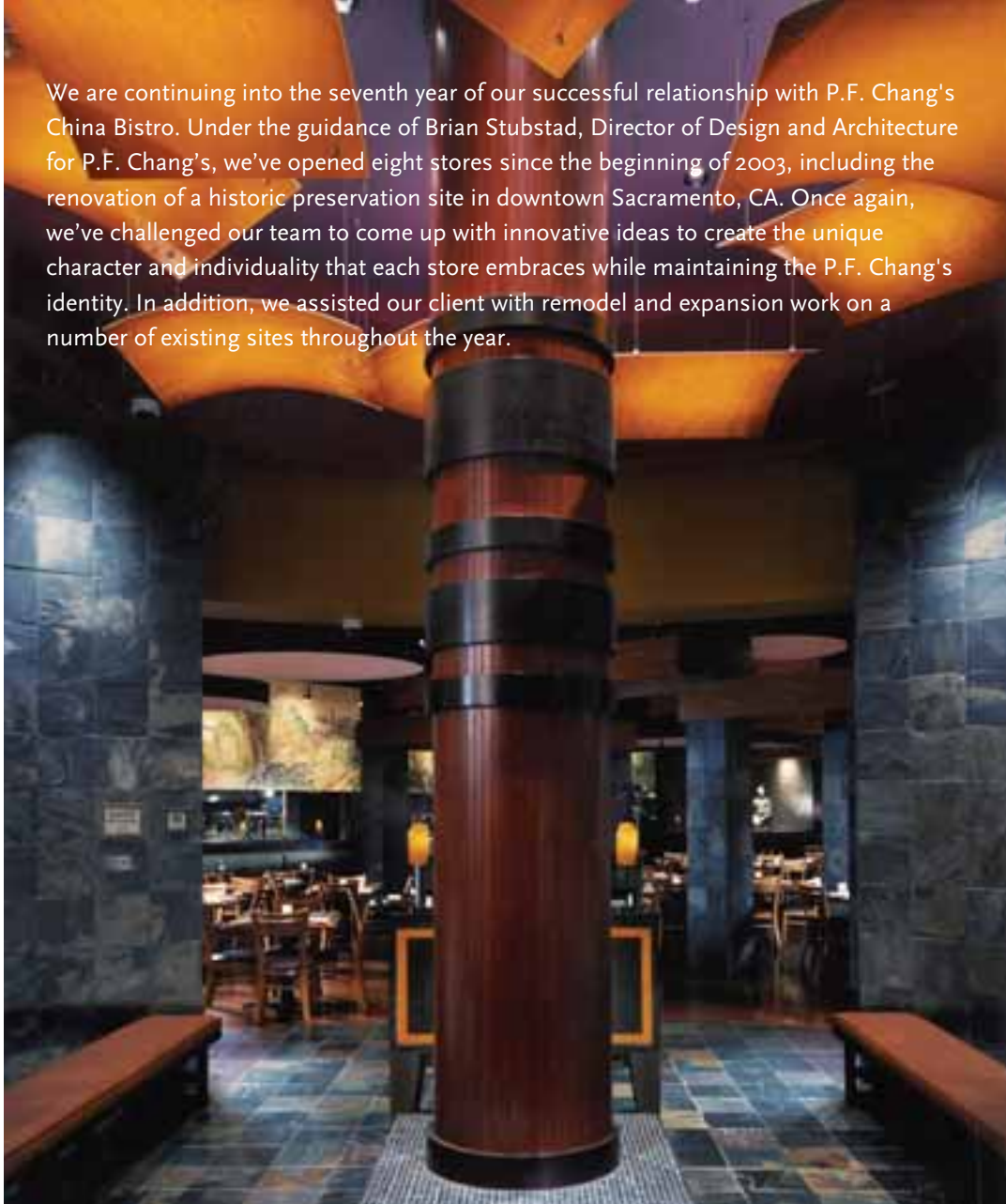
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We are continuing into the seventh year of our successful relationship with P.F. Chang's China Bistro. Under the guidance of Brian Stubstad, Director of Design and Architecture for P.F. Chang's, we've opened eight stores since the beginning of 2003, including the renovation of a historic preservation site in downtown Sacramento, CA. Once again, we've challenged our team to come up with innovative ideas to create the unique character and individuality that each store embraces while maintaining the P.F. Chang's identity. In addition, we assisted our client with remodel and expansion work on a number of existing sites throughout the year.

WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON DESIGN AND DRAWINGS OF 9 RESTAURANTS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS AHEAD. THESE INCLUDE A NEW EXPOSED CURVED BOWSTRING TRUSS AND WOOD DECK STRUCTURE IN WEST NEW YORK AS WELL AS NEW FREESTANDING BRICK BUILDINGS IN LOUISVILLE AND OKLAHOMA CITY.

STORES OPENED LAST YEAR INCLUDE SITES IN GLEN MILLS, PA; THE WOODLANDS IN HOUSTON, TX; MAPLE GROVE, MN; WEST CHESTER, OH; GRAPEVINE, TX; DUBLIN, OH; FAIRFAX, VA AND SACRAMENTO, CA.



Kona Grill

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA | OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Rendering by: Frank Caranough



The newest Kona Grill opened in Las Vegas, Nevada (below) in the Summerlin area not far from the glitter of the Las Vegas strip. Their largest restaurant to date, features a slate and stainless steel exterior and a bar that opens to the outside patio. We are currently designing Kona Grill's for Carmel, Indiana; Westlake, Ohio with construction beginning on Kona's first freestanding building in Omaha, Nebraska (left). The newest Kona in Denver, Colorado is slated to open in July.

Photo by: Doug Souser Photography



California Pizza Kitchen

IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

In the early 90's we designed 40 California Pizza Kitchen's throughout the United States. Recently the original founders of CPK, Larry Flax and Rick Rosenfield took back control of the concept. This year they asked Aria to develop a new look for California Pizza Kitchen to bring it into the 21st century. A defined bar area, and a stronger take-out area are two elements of this new prototype. The first in Irvine, California is under construction with projects planned for Orem, Utah; Huntington Beach, California; Gaithersburg, Maryland and Warrenton this year.

Rendering by: Frank Caranough



Other 2003/2004 Projects

JOE'S SEAFOOD, PRIME STEAK & STONE CRAB
Forum Shops Expansion, Las Vegas
Out for bid and permit May 2004

REDSTONE, OAKBROOK TERRACE
Crown Construction
Completed June 2004

PARK RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB
Mixed Lounge
Crown Construction
Completed April 2004

Washington Mutual Bank

LINCOLNSHIRE, ILLINOIS



The final phase of the City Park project we designed for ECD in Lincolnshire is this bank with a drive thru at the south east end of the City Park Retail Center. It will open Spring 2004.

Photo Montage by: Dennis Alex

Park Grill: At Millennium Park

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



Photos by: Doug Sauer Photography

We had the privilege of working with two past clients, Matthew O'Malley (Firehouse) and Jim Horan, (Rhapsody and Blue Plate Catering), designing a sleek, contemporary yet comfortable restaurant within the context of Chicago's Millennium Park. The 9,000 square foot space seats over 300 people comfortably with unobstructed views of Michigan Avenue and the adjacent ice skating rink. An adjoining café serves fast casual selections to skaters, concert goers and park users. Leopardo Construction completed this project in December 2003.



GRACE O'MALLEY'S
Crown Construction
Completed March 2004

BROOKFIELD ZOO
Seven Seas Gift Shop
Crown Construction
Opened May 2003

DURTY NELLIES, PALATINE
Restaurant, Bar & Band Room
Masoncorp Construction
Completion Summer 2004

LEMONT RETAIL CENTER
Schematic design phase

Poag Mahone's

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Dan Rosenthal gave us the rare opportunity to design two restaurants in Daniel Burnham's 1911 Insurance Exchange Building. Poag Mahone's, a new concept based on an authentic Irish pub, and Sopraffina, an existing Italian cafe concept that Aria refined; are directly across from each other with separate entrances and identities unique to their own concept.

Photo by: Doug Snower Photography



Elway's

DENVER, COLORADO

It's not often that you have a chance to work with a Hall of Fame quarterback from Denver so we were honored when John Elway asked us to design his first restaurant in the Cherry Creek area of Denver. Aria's design approach of "refined Colorado" consisted of blending the use of quality natural materials in unique applications to create a one of a kind environment suitable for this football legend. A fall 2004 opening is expected.



Renderings by: Dennis Alex

PEN PAO
Hot Pot Cafe Expansion
Opened early 2004

JOE'S SEAFOOD, PRIME STEAK & STONE CRAB
Chicago Banquet Room Expansion
Crown Construction
Open Summer 2004

ST. GILES CONVENT
CONVERSION to New Parish Center, Oak Park
Rausch Construction
July 2004 Completion

LA MADELEINE BAKERY & CAFÉ
Woodlands and Crossroads, Houston, Texas
Contractors: C.J. Torre
Construction Start June 2004

Go Roma

WARRENVILLE, ILLINOIS

Go Roma is a new concept conceived by Dave Wolfgram, the former president of Corner Bakery. His goal is to provide high quality Italian cuisine with an affordable price point in the fast casual sector. Aria was challenged to take the design beyond the cliché of Italian restaurants and to evoke the feeling of an authentic continental Italian café of the 40's with the use of elegant warm colors and architectural forms. Lorient Construction completed the Warrenville restaurant in March 2004, and is currently building the next unit in Northbrook.



Photo by: Doug Snoser Photography

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

This year we continue to develop new design approaches for McCormick and Schmick's. Working closely with Bill McCormick and Doug Schmick, we opened seven new stores including this design in San Jose. Other new locations include Dallas, Texas; Bridgewater, New Jersey; Baltimore, Maryland; Providence, Rhode Island and Austin, Texas



Photos by: Prochiusa/Dyle

THE PERFECT DINNER
Oak Park
C & G Construction
Opened Fall 2003

BERGHOFF'S
Berghoff Café Contractor
Opened September 2003

440 N MILWAUKEE
Office Building
Construction start
Summer 2004

ENERGY INFUSER
(Interior Design Consultation)
Crown Construction
Opened Spring 2004

Historic Depot District

BERWYN, ILLINOIS



Rendering by: Frank Caranough

Many suburban town centers having historical roots and good transportation access are currently experiencing a new wave of development. The market for medium density, mixed-use projects is on the rise. We developed this design for a mixed-use project on an entire block in Berwyn's Historic Depot district. The design includes 16,000 SF of residential condominiums. An 88-car below-grade parking deck and a branch bank are also included.

Aria Personals

The following joined us this past year:

GABRIELA ALONSO: Born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, she received an Associates Degree in Interior Design from College of DuPage in 2000 and joined the Aria team after three years at McDonald's Corporation designing Flagship stores.

CHRIS BISCHOF: Originally from Wisconsin, Chris joined Aria in May 2004 after working at Skidmore Owings & Merrill. He received his Bachelors Degree in architecture from Kansas State University.

DARRELL GRIEST: Joined Aria with 22 years of experience from OWP/P Architects retail, mixed-use group in 2003. He worked with various architectural firms in Chicago including Anthony Belluschi and Associates.

CHRISTOPHER HAMER: Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois at Chicago and joined Aria Group in January of 2004, and was formerly employed with Holabird and Root, LLC.

LAURA HIMEL: Received a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in May of 2000 and was previously employed with Holabird and Root, LLC.

KENTA BACAS HOSAKA: Originally from Madrid, Spain he received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Tulane University in New Orleans in May 2000 and has since received his Masters in design.

NAZARIO MAGANA: Received a Bachelors Degree in architecture and art from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1997 and was previously employed at Fitzgerald Associates Architects.

LILLIAN REYES-BRAHAR: Received a Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies with a minor in Art and Architectural History from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1997 and was previously employed with Fitzgerald Associates Architects.

NIK VERZIVOLLI: Received a Masters in Architecture from the University of Michigan in 2002. He previously worked for Rafael Vinoly Architects and Scott Himmel Architect.

MEGAN WALSH: Graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture in May of 2001 and recently worked for LR Development in Chicago.

Congratulations go out to **MARIA BELTRAN** and **PHU TRUONG, STACEY AND MARK BOUWMAN, BETH AND ROBERT SZCZESNIAK**, and **MEGAN AND ANDY WALSH** on their weddings, to **CHRIS AND AUTUMN HAMER** on the birth of their son Jude, and to **CHRIS AND DEBBIE DEBOER** on the birth of their 2nd son, Brian.

We would also like to congratulate Maria Beltran on her promotion to Project Manager.



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