

ARIA GROUP

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We are very fortunate to celebrate our 25th anniversary this year. Walter, Joe, Kathy and I started Aria Group Architects, Inc. on February 15th, 1989. Since then we have grown to become a major architectural, planning and interior design firm with a staff of 92 who have designed over 2,000 restaurant, hospitality and entertainment projects throughout the US, Canada, Mexico, South America, Europe, the Middle East and most recently China. Although we specialize in hospitality projects we have also designed offices, industrial buildings, retail and some multi-family projects.

We are very thankful for our clients who trust us to provide innovatively designed projects, grounded by function and in line with their business plan. A great deal of our success is due to the consultants and contractors who work with us as a team to provide our clients with great projects.

Most importantly we want to thank our current staff as well as all those who have worked with us over the past 25 years for their contributions of talent, dedication, hard work and caring to create the best possible projects. We all look forward to the challenges and possibilities of the next 25 years. - JAMES R. LENCIONI, PRESIDENT

Jim, Kathy, Walt, Joe, Tom, Frank, Pam, Dan, Lois, Dave, Chris D., Mark, David R., Stacey, Neal, Ryan, Nazario, Lillian, Chris H., Leslie O., Jennifer, Victor, Nicole, Tracey, Brian, Joe J., Chris C., Lisa, Ilias, Chris C., John, Elisabeth,

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Dave D., Eva, Damian, Matthew S., Emilia, Elizabeth P., Trina, Mike, Archit, Sean, Matthew K., Alexandra, Stanley, Matthew S., David H., Elizabeth N., Daniel, Travis, Michelle, Sarah O.,

Vanessa, Olimpia, Arti, Maria, Megan V., Martika, Eric, Guillermo, Violet, Miry, Maggie, Yalin, Stacy, Irene, Caitlin, Sarah M., Kristina, Kenneth, Shellie, Niyati and Julie.



TOPGOLF

The Colony, Texas

TopGolf is an innovative, energetic entertainment facility that uses computer microchips embedded in regulation golf balls to create interactive golf games. With each of the 6 locations we've completed since 2010, the concept evolves. The Colony design has drawn rave reviews and continues to be the prototype for future sites. The contractor is Arco/Murray National Construction Company.

Projects scheduled for 2014 openings:
Gilbert, AZ; Brandon, FL; San Antonio, TX.

NANDO'S

Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario and Arundel Mills Mall, Hanover, Maryland

The Bay Street location is the new Canadian flagship location for Nando's Flame-Grilled Chicken. Located in the historic McLaughlin building, the design preserves the building's heritage while enhancing it with the vibrant, whimsical design Nando's is known for. Also pictured is Nando's Peri-Peri located in the Arundel Mills Mall. The contractor for Arundel Mills was Herman Stewart Construction and the contractor for Bay Street was Horne Construction.



BAY STREET



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ARUNDEL MILLS

Nando's locations opening in 2014: Towson, MD; Ashburn, VA and Springfield, VA.



THE FIRE PITCH

Chicago, Illinois

Working with Jared Schenk of the Schenk Realty Group, the Chicago Fire Soccer Club and IDEO for branding, Aria Group is converting a vacant manufacturing property into a year-round soccer complex. The 205,000 SF site will include two regulation size turf soccer fields and the first air-supported dome within Chicago's city limits. The dome will be erected seasonally to facilitate year round use of the fields. The center will also serve neighboring schools and recreational sports leagues. The development will include a mixed-use building with field management offices, a restaurant, retail shop and training center. NORCON, Inc. is building the project.



TAKE FIVE LOUNGE

Madison, Wisconsin

Aria Group is working with Marcus Theaters to develop a design for their Take Five Lounge concept. The first design shown here is at the Marcus Point Cinema in Madison, WI. The concept was developed to provide guests a venue that supplements their movie experience or serve as a destination in itself. The lounge design exudes casual comfort with an Art Deco style featuring a large projection screen for showing broadcast programming and films. The contractor was Tri-North Construction.

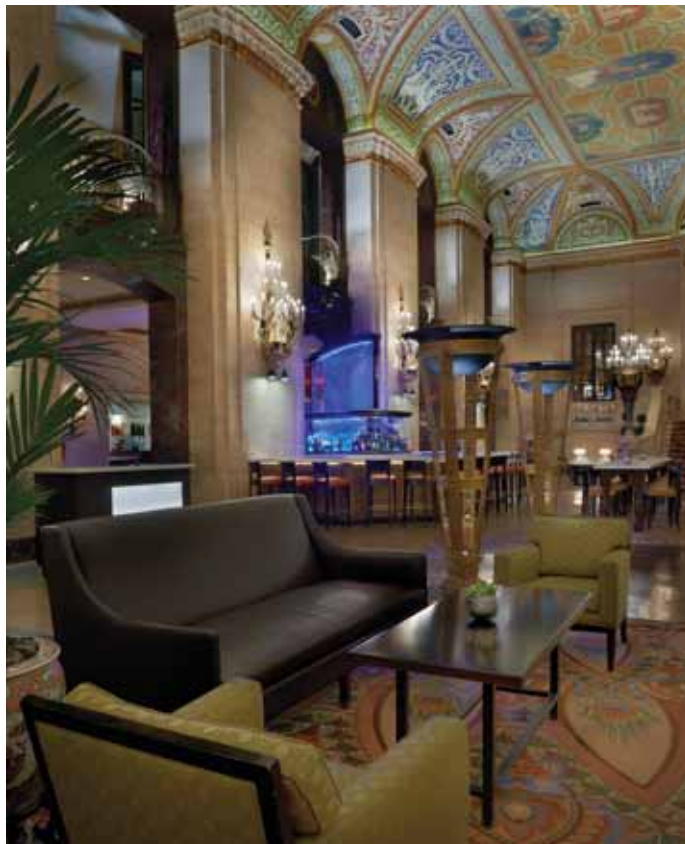
Aria Group is also developing designs to re-define the character of the lobby and corridor spaces for existing theaters in Oakdale MN, Sheboygan WI, and Addison IL.



POTTER'S LOUNGE AND LOCKWOOD RESTAURANT

Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, Illinois

Potter Palmer completed his first hotel in September of 1871 but just 2 weeks later the building fell victim to the Great Chicago Fire. Since then the hotel has been re-built twice where the current building, designed by Holabird & Roche in 1923, now stands. Aria Group had the pleasure of working with the hotel staff to re-energize the Lockwood Restaurant with a subtle casual elegance and more clearly define the historical significance of the hotel with modifications to Potter's Lounge. The care and consideration necessary for guest comfort as well as timely implementation of the construction phase was successfully achieved by Crane Construction.



Photography by Tony Soluri

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

Westfield Topanga Mall in Canoga Park, California

Aria Group has taken California Pizza Kitchen through a design evolution over the past 25 years. The latest direction updates the brand with a modern, "California Casual" motif utilizing natural woods, clean lines and a fresh look. This location opened in June of 2013. Its most unique element is an island bar and "patio" lounge area, set in the middle of the mall concourse immediately outside from CPK's façade. The contractor was Kelley Construction.

CPK projects opening in 2014 include the following remodels: Naples, FL, Westwood, Los Angeles, CA and International Plaza, Tampa, FL. New construction projects opening in 2014 include Summerlin, NV.



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2013 - 2014
ADDITIONAL
PROJECTS

Lawry's Side Door
Chicago, IL
Constructive
Management, Inc.
Spring 2014

Crispelli's
West Bloomfield, MI
Chuck Kassley
Fall 2014

Park Plaza
Bowling Green, KY
Alliance Corporation
Spring 2014

Tre Soldi
Chicago, IL
Level Construction
Winter 2013

COOPER'S HAWK WINERY & RESTAURANT

Town & Country, Missouri

This is the second Missouri location for Cooper's Hawk and the 11th store Aria Group has completed for Tim McEnery and his team. Cooper's Hawk, based in Countryside, IL, has 14 locations throughout the country with plans to continue expansion. The Cooper's Hawk concept is a winery and restaurant that pairs the menu with its award-winning wines. With an upscale casual atmosphere, reminiscent of a Napa Valley winery, Cooper's Hawk has proven to be very popular with diners and wine enthusiasts alike.



Photography by Tony Soluri

Projects scheduled to open in 2014 include Richmond, VA and Springfield, IL.

VILLAGE TAVERN

Charlotte, North Carolina

Scott Richardson felt that his concept was in need of a refresh in order to bring in more patrons. Aria Group was hired to remodel the interior of the existing Village Tavern. The Charlotte location is our first project with Village Tavern, and we were challenged with transforming the space on a tight timeframe and budget. The overall result was a warm, inviting tavern feel. The client also selected some local artwork to make for a unique, one-of-a-kind space that the community can call their very own Village Tavern. The contractor was Bradley Construction Group.



Photography by Peter Brentlinger



Photography by Ed Rode

FIELDING'S WOOD GRILL

The Woodlands, Texas

Aria Group has worked with the owner, Cary Attar, on previous projects such as Fox & Obel and Hubbell & Hudson. The Fielding's concept focuses on fresh, made from scratch foods with an emphasis on organic ingredients. In keeping with this theme our design focused on natural/reclaimed furnishing and finishes in simple, classic styles. A highlight of the space is an iPad bar where patrons can use Wi-Fi while enjoying their meal. The contractor was Embree Construction Group.

Joe Fish
Chicago, IL
Spring 2014

Shake Shack
Chicago, IL
Thorndale Construction Services, Inc.
Fall 2014

Botanic Gardens Café
Glencoe, IL
Featherstone, Inc.
Spring 2014

Italianni's
Mexico City, MX
Winter 2013

Alexander's
Elgin, IL
Hargrave Builders
December 2013

ROKA AKOR

Old Orchard, Illinois

Roka Akor at Old Orchard Mall is the latest restaurant by JNK Concepts, who have developed Roka Akor and Bombay Spice in Scottsdale, AZ and Chicago, IL. This 2,500 SF mall end-cap location captures the essence of Roka's signature sushi and steak dining: an open-flame Japanese-style Robata grill on display, an upscale casual atmosphere, sidewalk patio dining and lounge experience. The contractor was Englewood Construction.



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STANDARD MARKET GRILL

Chicago, Illinois

Standard Market is a unique grocery concept consisting of kiosks with locally grown and produced fresh items and a Grill which features many of the ingredients sold in the Market. Aria Group was asked to design their first stand-alone Standard Market Grill, which was a complete re-build, both interior and exterior, in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood. In October, Chicago magazine named Standard Market Grill one of the city's "10 Hottest Restaurants". The contractor was Novak Construction.

SHAKE SHACK

Drexel University, Pennsylvania

Since its Madison Square Park location opened in 2004, Union Square Hospitality Group's popular "roadside burger stand" has expanded to multiple East Coast locations and Aria Group has been involved with most. Our design has the kitchen 'engine' on the first floor and dining is on the second floor. Drexel University colors connect this location to its University setting. The contractor is Shawmut Design & Construction.

Shake Shack locations scheduled to open in 2014 include: Union Station, Washington, DC; Tyson's Corner, VA; Buckhead Atlanta, GA and Winter Park, FL.



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Food Republic
Mexico City, MX
December 2013

Kona Grill
Columbus, OH
Shawmut Design and
Construction
Winter 2014

Empire Restaurant
Naperville, IL
Winter 2014

BrickTop's
Coral Gables
Story Construction
Summer 2013

BJ's Brewhouse
Tyson's Corner
Herman-Stewart
Winter 2013

DAVE & BUSTER'S

Virginia Beach, Virginia

This project transformed a large (approximately 40,000 SF) existing space into an entertainment facility. The result is a large, energetic, inviting and FUN addition to the Lynnhaven Mall. Shortly after opening Dave & Buster's won a City of Virginia Beach Planning Commission Design Award for this new location. The contractor was Shawmut Design & Construction.



Photography by Ed Rode

Locations that are scheduled to open in 2014 include: Westchester, CA; Manchester, CT; Albuquerque, NM; Vernon Hills, IL; Pier Park, Panama City Beach, FL; Woburn, MA, Hollywood, Los Angeles, CA and Clackamas, OR.

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO

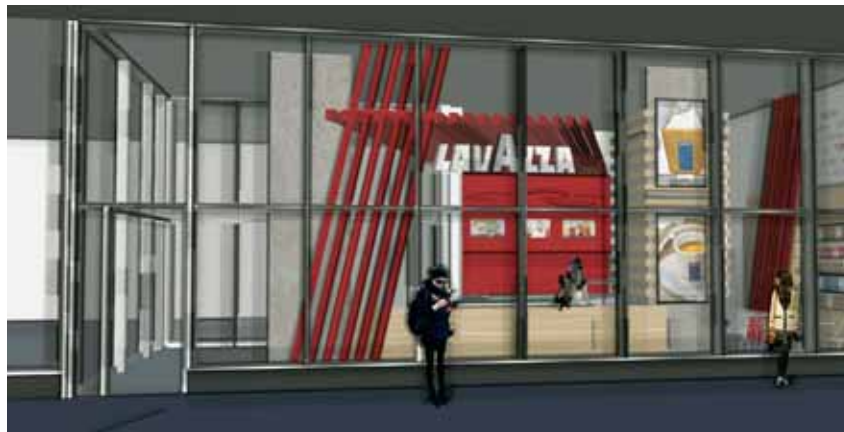
Baybrook Mall, Friendswood, Texas

Aria Group has been working with P.F. Chang's since 1998 creating a "collection" of restaurants for their upscale-casual Asian concept. Though some iconic design elements such as the bonsai tree, horse and warrior statues, and mural remain, their design style has evolved over the years. Saturated colors, bold graphics and dark bronze metals gave way to neutral colors and textural fabrics highlighted with brushed brass accents to respond not only to changing U.S. tastes, but also to International tastes as they expand their operations worldwide. The contractor for this project was McCarty Construction, Inc.



Photography by Larry Folke

Projects under way in 2014 include those in South America, Mexico and South Korea.



Rendering by Lisa Maceda

LAVAZZA ESPRESSO

SickKids Hospital, Toronto, ON, Canada

John Calamos, a current client of Aria Group, introduced us to Lavazza corporate who hired Aria Group to work on new store designs in North America. The SickKids research facility location is an interior build-out of a very narrow and tall space. To help create a more "human" scale, we created an architectural ceiling element playing off of their Lavazza logo. At the exterior, two existing large concrete columns were used for retail display for both adults and children.

Nordstrom Ebar and Café
Westfarms Mall,
West Hartford, CT
Story Construction
October 2013

Bombay Spice
Westfarms Mall,
West Hartford, CT
Story Construction
October 2013

Weber Grill
St. Louis, MO
Summer 2015

River Roast
Chicago, IL
Englewood Construction
July 2014

Giordano's
Oak Brook, IL
Spring 2014

25TH ANNIVERSARY TRIP

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

In celebration of Aria Group's 25th anniversary the Principals and Staff of Aria Group took a trip to sunny Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Given that the "polar vortex" brought us an exceptionally cold and snowy winter this year, we were all especially glad to leave behind the "Windy City" for some fun in the sun! We took the opportunity to take a group photo, and it really shows how much Aria Group has grown in the past 25 years.



Photography by Thomas Smicklis

ARIA PERSONALS

Alexandra Fuente-Navarro 1/2013

Alex graduated with a Master in Science in Architecture from the University of Arizona in December 2011. Previously she worked at the Roy P. Drachman Institute for Land and Regional Development Studies.

Stanley Sterlinski 1/2013

Stanley graduated from UIC with a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture. Prior to joining Aria Group he worked at K2 Studio.

Matthew Sepanik 3/2013

Matthew received a Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies from the UIC in 2004. Prior to joining Aria Group he worked at Biondi + Munson Architects L.L.C.

David Horabik 4/2013

David graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology, with a Professional Bachelor of Architecture degree, in 2009. Prior to Aria Group he worked for the Advanced Technologies Group.

Elizabeth Neuffer 4/2013

Elizabeth graduated from the Harrington College of Design with a B.F.A. in Interior Design (Specialization in Sustainable Design) in 2012. Prior to joining Aria Group she worked for Moss Design.

Daniel O'Brien 4/2013

Daniel received his Bachelors of Architecture from IIT in 2008. In 2012 he completed the Master of Science in Historic Preservation program at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Prior to Aria Group, he worked at Charles Sparks and Company.

Travis Vannoy 4/2013

Travis graduated in 2011 with a Masters in Architecture from Kent State University. Prior to Aria Group, he was with GF55.

Michelle Sharpe 5/2013

Michelle received her M.A. in Interior Design from Harrington College of Design in 2012. Prior to Aria Group she worked at the American Medical Association for Classified Advertising, JAMA Career Center.

Sarah Olson 6/2013

Sarah received her Bachelors of Architecture from Illinois Institute of Technology in 2010. She previously worked at BauerLatoza Studio.

Vanessa Papo 7/2013

Vanessa graduated in 2010 from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago with a Master of Architecture Certificate in Historic Preservation. Prior to Aria Group she worked at Charles Sparks & Company.

Olimpia Maldonado 8/2013

Olimpia received her Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM) in 1998. She worked at Stephen Rankin Associates prior to starting at Aria Group.

Arti Patel 10/2013

Arti graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 2012 with a BS. in Architecture. Prior to starting at Aria Group she worked at Sullivan Goulette + Wilson.

Maria Miller 10/2013

Maria graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a Professional BA of Architecture in August 2013. Prior to starting at Aria Group she worked for Columbian Model and Exhibition Works LLC.

Megan Voloch 10/2013

Megan graduated from Columbia College Chicago with a Bachelor's degree in Interior Architecture in 2013. Prior to starting full time she was Aria Group's part-time resource librarian.

Martika Bertucci 10/2013

Martika graduated in May 2014 from Columbia College Chicago with a BFA in Interior Architecture. Prior to Aria Group, she was an intern at Nelson and worked for Ikea.

Congratulations to **Emilia Bernatowicz & Adam Czader**, as well as **Marina Belotserkovskaia & Billie Landis** who were married in 2013.

We would like to congratulate the following people on the birth of their children in 2013: **Leslie & Josh Ott** on the birth of her daughter **Julia Ashlyn Ott**; **Brian & Jordan Zielinski** on the birth of their daughter **Katelyn Anne Zielinski**; **Ryan & Carla Peterson** on the birth of their son, **Jack Ryan Peterson** and **Megan & Andy Walsh** on the birth of their son, **Alexander Reade Walsh**.

The following people were promoted in 2013: **Chris Hamer** was promoted to Associate; **Joe Junius** was promoted to Senior Architectural Designer; **Brad Beall** and **Eduardo Mani** who were promoted to Project Coordinator; and **Amy Krol** and **Lisa Maceda** who were promoted to Senior Interior Designer.

Karl Guider, **Matthew Clarke** and **Shannon Sterne** earned their Architect licenses in 2013.

Congratulations to **Matthew Clarke**, **Laura Lencioni** and **Amy Krol**, who have been with Aria Group for five years; and to **Nazario Magaña** who celebrated his 10-year work anniversary in 2013.

In 2013 Aria Group Staff participated in several charity and social events. Two such events were STITCH and DIFFA: Dining by Design. The Aria Group team partnered with Stone Source and took best in show for their "little red riding hood" mask and costume in the STITCH event. Aria Group designers created a plush, luxurious dining room out of old wooden pallets, packing strips and other recycled materials for the DIFFA: Dining by Design benefit to raise funds for AIDs research.

