



## TopGolf

### Allen, Texas

TopGolf is a unique destination entertainment facility that uses computer microchips embedded in regulation golf balls to create interactive games for both golfers and non-golfers alike. In their quest to develop TopGolf into a complete Entertainment venue, Randy Starr and Joseph Vrankin visited many restaurants and entertainment concepts such as Redstone, Wildfire and Pinstripes. A common theme emerged: their favorites were designed by Aria Group Architects. Currently in the works is a location in Allen, TX. It is a free-standing 65,000 SF, 3-story, indoor/outdoor space featuring 94 hitting bays, four bars including a 3,000 SF roof terrace, meeting facilities and restaurants. It is being built by Arco/Murray National Construction Company. Aria Group's new design will help create a strong environment for dining, night life, corporate parties and family entertainment.

*Rendering by Nicole Poole & Lisa Maceda*

### 2010

In our 21st year, **Aria Group Architects, Inc.** has seen many signs of the economic recovery being discussed by the nation's media. Entrepreneurs are taking advantage of opportunities, multiunits have continued expanding, existing concepts are remodeling to respond to customers' changing spending habits and foreign development continues to grow. We are optimistic that this rebound will continue in 2011 to allow us to create great environments for our clients and their customers.

We would like to thank our clients for the opportunities they have provided and our associates and consultants for their continued support. We wish you all a joyous holiday season and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

Jim, Kathy, Walt, Joe, Tom, Frank, Pam, Dan, Lois, Dave, Chris D., Mark, Ronnie, Arturo, Debbie, David, Stacey, Neal, Ryan, Kenta, Nazario, Lillian, Chris H., Dorota, Leslie O., Jennifer V., Victor, Nicole, Tracey, Olivia, Brian, Joe J., Claire, Chris C., Lisa, Ilias, Chris C., John, Elisabeth, Karl, Robert, Nicholas, Matthew, Amy, Tristin, Laura, Leslie B., Shannon, Beata, Kristin, Jennifer L., Megan, Noi, Stephanie, and Christine.



## THE LUCKY MONK

South Barrington, Illinois

The Lucky Monk is a local brewery that pairs an extensive list of microbrews with quality pizza and burgers. This remake of the Brass Restaurant included a new menu, revised kitchen equipment, and a totally new look. The owner, Phil Thiem of Royal Management, hired Aria Group to achieve the most dramatic transformation possible on a limited budget. The contractor was Crown Construction.

Renderings by Kenta Bacas Hosaka



## SWIRLCUP

Lincolnshire, Illinois

After years of manufacturing and importing ice cream and frozen desserts, the owners decided to open Swirlcup, a frozen yogurt and cupcake store. The clean, contemporary design has undulating geometries that define the circulation flow and customer information systems. Aria Group also developed the graphic design package including logo, signage, menu boards, cup design, packaging, and other corporate identity items.





Renderings by Frank Cavanaugh



## VIPER ALLEY

Lincolnshire, Illinois

Aria Group has had a hand in the evolution of ECD Company's City Park, a mixed-use development in Lincolnshire, IL, since 1998. Our current City Park project, Viper Alley, is the inspirational vision of Scott Greenberg of ECD. This live music venue will host a variety of musical acts in a themed environment that includes bowling, a pizza café and amenities to cater to group events. State-of-the-art lighting and sound will envelop patrons as they enjoy the music of local and national talent. Six bowling lanes, comfortable lounge areas, and an open pizza oven station are featured in this industrial-themed venue ideally suited for the steel, masonry and glass retail center Aria Group Architects designed over 10 years ago. RSI is the contractor for this project.

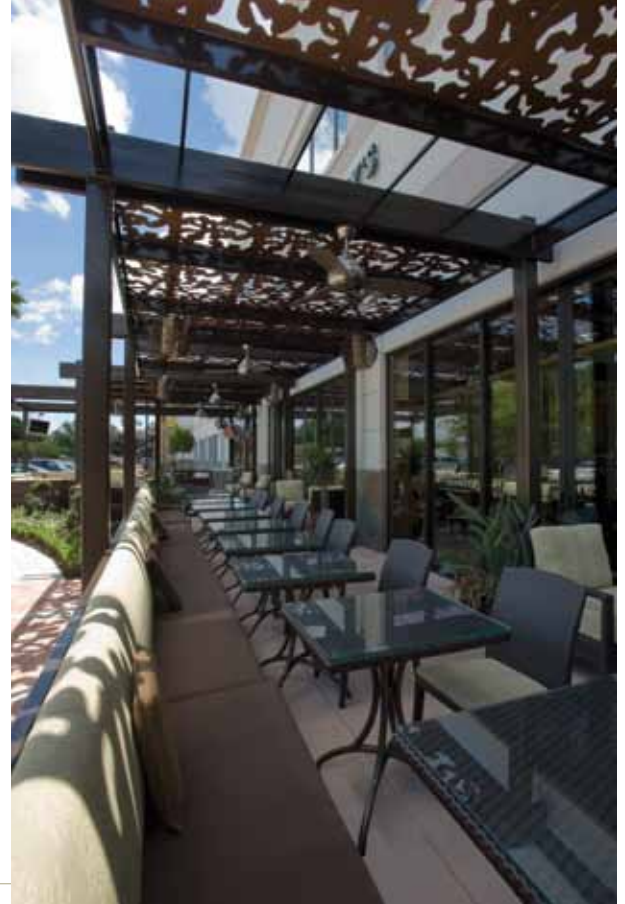


Rendering by Kenta Bacas Hosaka

## theWIT

Chicago, Illinois

ECD Company asked us to assist them in modifying two areas in theWIT hotel property in downtown Chicago. Aria Group worked with COO Lou Carrier and Hudec Woodworking on a very tight schedule to create the new second floor Phoenix Lounge in the former library/seating area space that overlooks the lobby. New table seating was introduced, lounge areas were redeveloped and a focal point service bar and bottle display was added. The top floor lounge called the "Roof" required seating modifications as well.



Mark Hiebert Photography

## McCORMICK & SCHMICK'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

**Town & Country, Houston, Texas**

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant has a traditional feel reminiscent of a West Coast Fish house. The client asked us to reinterpret the concept to appeal to a hip younger bar crowd as well as its original patrons. This location utilizes a contemporary color palette based on the original, but in lighter, more neutral shades. The dark wood was replaced with a sleeker modern millwork design. A copper trellis defines the expanded patio space and lounge seating replaces traditional patio seating. Bar activity is encouraged by indoor dining and patio access.



Anthony Gomez Photography

## PING PONG DIM SUM

**7th Street, Washington, D.C.**

Aria Group, in collaboration with MACH Architektur (David Marquardt) in Zurich, Switzerland, designed an upscale yet casual space to compliment the dim sum cuisine. The cosmopolitan design includes black lacquered finishes accentuated with a thematic white swirling steam graphic and Chinese graphic writing. The 7th Street location is Ping Pong Dim Sum's first entry into the North American market. Herman Stewart was the contractor for this project.

2010  
ADDITIONAL  
PROJECTS

**Café Twist**  
Chicago, IL  
By Owner  
Opened Summer 2010

**Crazy Jaws**  
Morton Grove, IL  
Level Construction  
Opened December 2010

**Dave & Buster's**  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Opening late 2011

**El Segundo Sol**  
Las Vegas, NV  
Shawmut Design  
& Construction  
Opened March 2010



# NANDO'S

## Annapolis, Maryland

The Nando's in the Westfield Annapolis Mall is the third U.S. location for this U.K. concept, and the first complete design by Aria Group.

Familiar Nando's artifacts such as clay pots, twisted vines and South African artwork were imported from overseas. Distressed, reclaimed barn wood makes a "goal post" exterior entry element. The scale of the front window allows guests approaching the entry to see interior elements



such as the South African artwork. The contractor was Herman Stewart.



Anthony Gomez Photography

## Silver Springs, Maryland

Nando's in Silver Springs is the fourth U.S. location and Aria Group's second complete design project for the client. As in the Annapolis location, artifacts essential to Nando's branding are brought in from overseas. One unique feature is a plaster-finished wall lit by LED cove lights that wash up the face of each stepped section. Existing exterior masonry was covered with unsealed Iroko wood planks, allowing for a naturally weathered look. The contractor was Herman Stewart.



Anthony Gomez Photography



# DÉJÀ VU JAZZ SUPPER CLUB

## Naperville, Illinois

Kenneth and Bernadette Moore have chosen Aria Group Architects, Inc., to design the Déjà Vu Jazz Supper Club, a premier jazz club featuring a 7,500 SF, 300 seat venue for live jazz acts, chic American bistro dining and a lively bar scene. Currently in the design phase, the Déjà Vu Jazz Supper Club will open in 2011. It is sure to become one of Naperville's top live entertainment destinations.



Rendering by Nicole Poole & Lisa Maceda

**Ikram**  
Chicago, IL  
Out to bid  
Opening May 2011

**Mity Nice Grill**  
Chicago, IL  
Kern Konstruktion  
Opened October 2010

**Nookie's Four**  
Chicago, IL  
J-One Contracting, Inc.  
Opening Spring 2011

**Nordstrom Classic Café Remodel**  
Somerset Mall, Troy, MI  
Story Construction  
Opened October 2010

**Nordstrom Marketplace Café**  
Annapolis Mall,  
Annapolis, MD  
Story Construction  
Opened October 2010

# TAVERN AT THE PARK ROOF TERRACE

Chicago, Illinois



Renderings by: Nicole Poole & Lisa Maceda

Three years ago Aria Group designed the successful Tavern at the Park Restaurant. Owner Peter de Castro hired Aria Group once again to design a year-round roof terrace, opening in summer 2011. It includes a four season retractable glass wall and roof that will seat up to 80 for private events as well as an outdoor island bar and lounge for the after work crowd. Tavern's roof terrace, located in Prudential Plaza steps from Millennium Park, is sure to become one of Chicago's favorite rooftop hotspots.



Indianapolis is the fourth store Aria Group has worked on for Cooper's Hawk. This previous restaurant was a Bahama Breeze, a Caribbean-inspired concept. Aria Group's task was to transform the free-standing building from island casual to the industrial yet sophisticated feel of the Cooper's Hawk concept. This location is significant in that it is Cooper's Hawk's first outside of Illinois and it represents the start of their Midwest expansion. We are working on a fifth location in Naperville, IL. and additional locations are being considered at other Midwestern sites.



Anthony Gomez Photography

# COOPER'S HAWK WINERY & RESTAURANT

Indianapolis, Indiana

**Par-A-Dice Casino**  
East Peoria, IL  
Opened August 2010

**Paris Club & Studio Paris**  
Chicago, IL  
Kern Konstruktion  
Opening Spring 2011

**Pei Wei Asian Diner**  
Chicago, IL  
RCC Associates  
Opened Summer 2010

**Pinstripes**  
Edina, MN  
FCL Builders  
Opened Fall 2010

**Protein Bar**  
Chicago, IL  
Design Phase  
Opening Late Spring, 2011



# P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO

## Guadalajara (Andares), Mexico

This P.F. Chang's is in the exclusive Andares Mall. The 1,625 SF patio provides entrance to the two story, 7,728 SF space. The modern, upscale character of the mall is complemented by curved forms and irregular shapes, elements that break away from traditional layouts of other locations. Of note is the large patio with indoor/outdoor bar, which takes advantage of the mild climate.

Larry Falke Photography



Red Mint Photography

## Corpus Christi, Texas

Long-time client P.F. Chang's China Bistro asked us to design a LEED-certified Commercial Interiors restaurant. The 7,000 SF inline space is in a LEED-certified addition to the La Palmera development. Exceeding our client's expectations for a LEED certified design, this location is expected to achieve Gold status. Many green initiatives used will be implemented in future stores. It was built by Shawmut Design & Construction.



Additional P.F. Chang's that will open in the fall of 2011 are Plaza Las Americas, Puerto Rico; Grand Rapids, MI and Providence, RI.



Rendering by Megan Walsh

# CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

## Pedregal, Mexico

California Pizza Kitchen, the popular casual dining chain, is experiencing successful international expansion. Aria Group has been part of that expansion effort, working with CPK franchise partner Grupo Calpik, S.A.P.I. de C.V. to help translate the CPK brand for a Mexican audience. Under way now are two new CPK locations opening in Mexico, one at Lomas Verdas and one at Pedregal.

**Red Angus Steakhouse**  
Bucharest, Romania  
Opened Summer 2010

**Rockwood Tap House**  
Downer's Grove, IL  
Construction phase  
Opening Winter 2010

**Shake Shack**  
Washington, DC  
Westport, CT  
New York, NY  
Shawmut Design  
& Construction  
Opening Spring 2011

**Totopo**  
Oak Brook, IL  
Opened December 2010

**White Chocolate Grill  
Addition**  
Naperville, IL  
Story Construction  
Opened Fall 2010

# ERIK'S DELI

## Oak Park, Illinois

Ajay Bhatia bought Erik's Deli, a long time Oak Park establishment, in 2005. The concept needed a fresh look on a tight budget. Aria Group was hired to update and modernize the space including front of the house décor, new kitchen equipment and an exterior façade, keeping efficiency in mind. The salad bar, once a stand-alone self-serve station, is now part of the front counter where the staff serves made-to-order salads. The overall feeling is warm, bright and reminiscent of the outdoors. The contractor was Level Construction.



# ARIA PERSONALS

## Shannon Sterne 12/2009

Shannon received her Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2006. Prior to joining us at Aria Group, she worked at ESYN Design Architecture and at Fitzgerald Associates Architects.

## Leslie Baluga 12/2009

Leslie graduated with her Bachelor of Art in Architectural Studies from the University of Illinois at Chicago in May 2005. Prior to joining Aria Group she worked for Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture and Healy, Bender and Associates.

## Beata Klak 2/2010

Beata received her Bachelor of Building Engineering (Civil Engineering in the US) in Poland in 2002. Prior to joining Aria Group she worked for Craig and Associates Architects.

## Kristin Mrozinski 2/2010

Kristin received her Bachelor Degree of Architecture from the Illinois Institute of Technology in May 2008. She was an intern at Fitzgerald Associates Architects for two years during college and at Aria Group in 2008.

## Jennifer Lombardo 3/2010

Jennifer graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Architecture from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2009. Upon graduation she started at Aria Group.

## Stephanie Mateus 8/2010

Stephanie graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture from Florida International University (FIU) in 2004. Prior to starting with Aria Group, she was a Designer III for Gettys.

## Noi Phonexayphova 8/2010

Noi graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 2007. Prior to joining Aria Group, he worked with Aumiller Youngquist P.C.

## Christy Garvey 9/2010

Christy received her Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1996. After college she worked at LR Development. Prior to joining Aria Group, she worked at Aumiller Youngquist, P.C. for five years.

Congratulations **Bob & Valerie Cheval** as well as **Ronnie Lester & Jennie Beck** on their weddings this year, and to these new parents: **Ryan Peterson** and his wife **Carla** had a daughter, **Emma**; **Leslie Ott** & her husband **Josh** had a daughter, **Alexis**; **Chris Hamer** and his wife **Autumn** had their 3rd child, a daughter named **Iris**; **Stacey Bouwman** and her husband **Mark** had their 3rd son, **Logan**; **Dori Betancur** and her husband **Juan** had their second son **Lucas** and **Mark O'Henley** and his wife **Mimi** had their son **Marshall**. Congratulations to **Beata Klak** and **Dori Betancur** who received their architectural license.

Congratulations on the following promotions:

**Matthew Clark**, promoted to Project Manager; **Nicole Poole**, who was promoted to Senior Architectural Designer; and to **Elisabeth Lacey**, **Ilias Saoukbaev** and **Tracey Mac Murchy** who were promoted to Project Coordinator.

We'd like to celebrate the following anniversaries at Aria Group: **Ronnie Lester** and **Arturo Radilla** who have been with Aria Group for ten years, and **Frank Cavanaugh**, **Dan Bernatek**, **Lois Bair** and **Dave Nash** who have been with Aria Group for fifteen years.

This year Aria Group's staff participated in a number of community events such as: Aria Group's annual LifeSource blood drive; PADS's YMCA Thanksgiving meal which serves SRO patrons and local homeless; a team from Aria Group volunteered for Rebuilding Together in local Berwyn, IL. and we participated along with Ira Harth and Jamie Ayers of Stone Source in the IIDA's STITCH fashion show.



Photo by Claire Cruz; Model: Tristin Klaas