



## VIPER ALLEY

CityPark, Lincolnshire, IL

Viper Alley, the industrial-themed concert venue conceived by ECD Company's Scott Greenberg, opened in March this year. Some of its top acts so far include Herb Alpert and Lani Hall, Dennis DeYoung of Styx and the Marshall Tucker Band. This high-energy concert and entertainment venue includes bowling lanes, bars and a state-of-the-art video and sound system. Since its opening, Aria Group also assisted Scott in refining the concept, which has become the Northwest Suburbs' premier showcase for local and national musical talent.



Photography by Doug Salin

### 2011

2011 has been a good year for **Aria Group Architects, Inc.** We have seen continued, slow growth in the economy particularly in our Hospitality, Entertainment and Restaurant niche. Our clients need to make the most of their investments and we appreciate their trust in our firm to provide creative and practical designs.

We would like to thank our clients, consultants, associates and contractor teammates for their continuous support. We wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year.

Jim, Kathy, Walt, Joe, Tom, Frank, Pam, Dan, Lois, Dave N., Chris D., Mark, Ronnie, Arturo, Debbie, David R., Stacey, Neal, Ryan, Nazario, Lillian, Chris H., Dorota, Leslie O., Jennifer V., Victor, Nicole, Tracey, Olivia, Brian, Joe J., Chris C., Lisa, Ilias, Chris C., John, Elisabeth, Karl, Robert, Nicholas, Matt C., Amy, Laura, Leslie B., Shannon, Beata, Kristin, Jennifer L., Megan, Noi, Stephanie M., Christy, Tim, Brad, Eduardo, Matt T., Kirstyn, Marina, Jeannine, Shirley, Stephanie S. and Keisha.





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## CHICAGO HILTON

### Chicago, Illinois

The Hilton flagship property on South Michigan Avenue, which dates to 1927, boasts the distinction of having been host to every U.S. President since Harry Truman. Aria Group was asked to remodel and update four major food and beverage areas on the first floor. The Lakeside Green Lounge and Pavilions Restaurant will be combined and totally reconcepted into the new 720 South Bar and Grill. A new entry and outdoor café directly off Michigan Avenue is proposed for the new lounge and bar.

The Buckingham Steakhouse will be divided into a new grab-n-go concept, called SNAX, and a new multi-function meeting room. The addition of a corridor lounge is also part of Aria Group's work. The project will be completed at the end of 2011; the contractor is Crane Construction.



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## BRICKTOP'S

### Cool Springs, Tennessee

Working with Joe Ledbetter and Tom Brunnberg, we completed our first BrickTop's restaurant in Cool Springs, TN. The concept is an American bistro with a winning combination of food and service. Another site in Frontenac, MO opened in late November of this year. Both restaurants were built by Story Construction.

**On the boards is a store in Coral Gables, FL scheduled to open in 2012.**





Photography by Anthony Gomez

## PARIS CLUB/STUDIO PARIS

### Chicago, Illinois

This year Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, Inc., decided to reconcept Brasserie Jo (a 1993 Aria Group project) into two new venues to be operated by R.J. and Jerrod Melman. The first floor was totally remodeled into Paris Club, a contemporary, approachable French restaurant featuring the cuisine of Chef Joho.

We also added a new second floor venue, Studio Paris, which has become one of the hottest new clubs in town. A retractable glass roof encloses a new indoor/outdoor lounge. Aria Group worked with the team of Rich Melman, R.J. Melman, Jerrod Melman, Monolayer (Paris Club) and 555 (Studio Paris) on the project. Kern Konstruktion completed the projects in summer 2011.



Photography by Anthony Gomez

## SWIRLCUP

### CityPark, Lincolnshire, Illinois

Swirlcup is a frozen yogurt and cupcake store built by Level Construction that opened in 2011. This appealing concept combines two hot trends, cupcakes and self-serve frozen yogurt. Aria Group's design, which includes the graphics, established a brand identity for this new concept. Swirlcup, with its contemporary ambiance and engaging customer information systems, has become a popular sweet tooth destination at CityPark in Lincolnshire.





## TOPGOLF

### Allen, Texas

TopGolf is an innovative entertainment facility that uses computer microchips embedded in regulation golf balls to create interactive golf games. The Allen, TX location is the largest and most sophisticated TopGolf yet. It is a 65,000 SF, 3-story, indoor/outdoor space featuring 94 hitting bays, three bars, meeting facilities, restaurants, and seating for over 300 people. The contractor is Arco/Murray National Construction

Projects on the boards for 2012 include locations in Houston and Austin, TX.



Photography by Anthony Gomez

## PROTEIN BAR

### Chicago, Illinois

As the name suggests, Protein Bar serves healthy food with an emphasis on healthy proteins, including both meat and vegan specialties, shakes, smoothies, salads and wraps. Aria Group created a progressive design with colorful graphics that establishes a brand for this new, fast-growing concept. The logo becomes a focal point of the design and is represented in a central ceiling element and light fixture.

Other new Protein Bar locations include 215 W. Washington Street which was completed by Weiss Builders this fall as well as 10 W. Lake Street which is currently under construction.

2011  
ADDITIONAL  
PROJECTS

**Dave & Buster's**  
Braintree, MA  
Shawmut Design & Construction  
Opened December 2011

**OMango**  
Aurora, IL  
Mike Scott General Contracting  
Opening Late January 2012

**Nordstrom**  
Beechwood, OH  
Story Construction  
Opening October 2011

**McCormick & Schmick's**  
Atlanta, GA  
Shawmut Design & Construction  
Remodel Opened Fall 2011





Photography by Tony Soluri

## FOODEASE

**Water Tower Place, Chicago, Illinois**

foodease is an upscale, contemporary grocery and market, providing restaurant-quality prepared foods to go. It is an expansion of Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises' popular foodlife urban dining venue. Offerings at foodease include soups and sandwiches, hand-rolled sushi, wine bar and chocolate room. foodease dramatically increases LEYE's offerings at Water Tower Place. Kern Konstruktion completed the work in October and LEYE is already considering expanding the concept in 2012.



Photography by Anthony Gomez

## SHAKE SHACK

**Westport, Connecticut**

Shake Shack started in New York's Madison Square Park in 2004. Overseen by David Swinghammer of the Union Square Hospitality Group, the popular concept was envisioned as a modern-day "roadside" burger stand with quality ingredients featuring burgers, hotdogs and of course, the eponymous shakes. Aria Group was brought in to assist with expansion plans, ensuring that each Shake Shack is a unique expression of Americana that is authentic to the locale. The Westport, CT location was built by Shawmut Design & Construction and opened this summer.



**Additional locations on the boards or recently opened include:  
Battery Park, NY; Brooklyn, NY and Washington, D.C.**

**Tokio Pub Asian Grub**  
Schaumburg, IL  
Opened May 2011

**Pie Face**  
Broadway & 53rd,  
New York, NY  
Herman-Stewart  
Opening December 2011

**Wow Bao**  
225 N. Michigan Ave,  
Chicago, IL  
Kern Konstruktion  
Opened September 2011

**Ikram**  
Chicago, IL  
Crane Construction  
Opened Summer 2011

**American Asian BBQ**  
Concept by Rockit Ranch  
Productions  
CR/Daccord  
Opening March 2012





Photography by Wayne Cable



## COOPER'S HAWK WINERY & RESTAURANT

Naperville, Illinois

Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant, recognized as a "Hot Concept" by Nation's Restaurant News, has not only earned accolades for its local wines, but has expanded from its original facility in Orland Park to a total of eight Midwestern locations. Besides the Naperville store pictured above which opened in August this year, they also opened their largest store, Arlington Heights on three levels and 22,000 SF, in late November.

Working with Tim McEnery and his team, we also designed stores that opened this year in Indianapolis, IN and Brookfield, WI. Projects on the boards for 2012 include a site in Merrillville, IN.

## CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

Westfield Mall, Annapolis, Maryland

This California Pizza Kitchen, located in the Westfield Annapolis Mall, is one of several Aria Group projects in the mall. The new location maintains the warm, inviting design concept Aria Group developed for CPK a number of years ago, but with a newly designed storefront presence that is a departure from previous designs. This location represents 15 years of partnering with CPK to provide great dining experiences to their patrons. The contractor for the project was McCarty Construction.



Photography by Anthony Gomez

**Piccolo Sogno Due**  
Chicago, IL  
Opening Spring 2012

**Yo! Sushi**  
Union Station,  
Washington, DC  
Opening in 2012

**Del Frisco's Grille**  
Washington, DC  
Opening Summer 2012

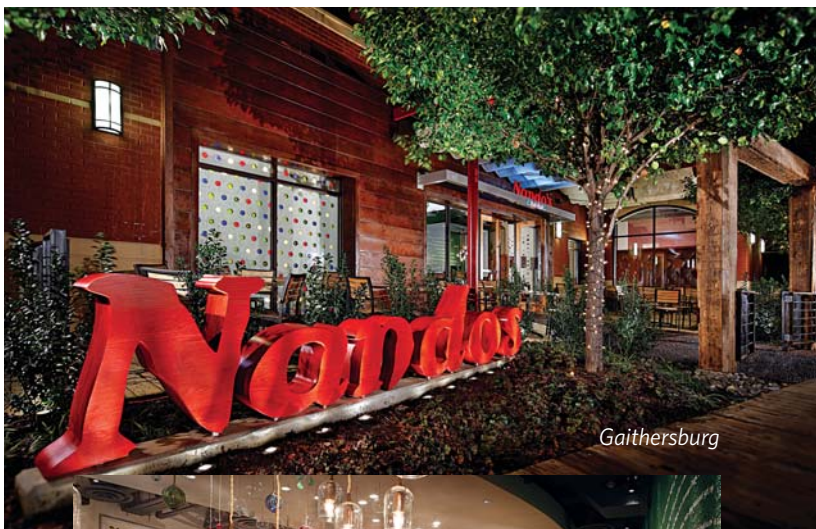
**Hutong**  
Oak Park, IL  
Rite Angle Construction  
Opened November 2011

**Shoreacres**  
Lake Bluff, IL  
Kern Konstruktion  
Opening Spring 2012





Bethesda



Gaithersburg

## NANDO'S PERI-PERI

### Gaithersburg and Bethesda, Maryland

Since Nando's first opened their doors in the Washington, D.C. area in 2008, this concept from the U.K. has been expanding steadily in the D.C. and Maryland area. The Nando's in Gaithersburg is our fifth location and Bethesda is the sixth location Aria Group has designed in the United States. Both stores opened in 2011. As the expressive designs of these two locations show, Nando's continuing support of South African artists, the use of reclaimed and sustainable materials, as well as their flavorful peri-peri chicken, continues to spice up the dining experience for their patrons. The contractor for this project is Herman Stewart Construction.



Gaithersburg

Photography by Anthony Gomez

## P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO

### Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

P.F. Chang's China Bistro has always set the standard for uniqueness in multi-unit restaurants, so much so that other restaurants have incorporated elements of P.F. Chang's appealing style. Aria Group was asked to design a location that keeps P.F. Chang's at the forefront of restaurant design. The Mt. Pleasant location takes a bold new direction that reflects what is important to restaurant patrons today: sustainable, energy efficient and with more natural, "green" materials.

Other sites opened in 2011 include projects in Puerto Rico and Mexico as well as Providence, RI and Grand Rapids, MI.



Photography by Larry Falke

**G-Hall Expansion of the Stephens Convention Center**  
Rosemont, IL  
Degen Rosato  
Opening January 2012

**Pei Wei Asian Diner**  
Logan Square,  
Chicago, IL  
Englewood Construction  
Multiple Locations  
Opened Summer 2011

**Wildberry**  
Chicago, IL  
Opened Fall 2011

**Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, Inc. Corporate Offices**  
Chicago, IL  
Opened Summer 2011

**Nookies 4**  
Chicago, IL  
J-One Contracting, Inc.  
Opened Fall 2011



Before



After

Rendering by Frank Cavanaugh

## OAK PARK CARDIOLOGY

Oak Park, Illinois

Cardiologist Dr. Lou Ivanovic gave Aria Group the opportunity to completely transform the exterior of an Oak Park building he purchased for his new offices. This single story, 4,500 SF building was in need of extensive remodeling. Dr. Ivanovic's design directive was to create a clean and contemporary façade. Metal composite panels, tile and a new anodized aluminum window system was used to bring new life to this old and neglected structure.

# ARIA PERSONALS

### Tim Magner 1/2011

Tim graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Kent State University in 2010. Prior to Aria Group, he worked part-time for Magner-Manalang Architects in Oak Park.

### Brad Beall 5/2011

Brad graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Architecture in 2002. He worked at Aumiller Youngquist as a project coordinator prior to starting at Aria Group.

### Eduardo Mani 5/2011

Eduardo graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a Bachelor of Architectural Studies in 1997. He received his architectural license in 2007. Prior to joining Aria Group he worked for Chipman Adams Architects.

### Matthew Tillman 6/2011

Matt attended the University of Illinois at Chicago. He received a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies in 2009. Prior to working with Aria Group, he worked at SHED Studios and 2Point Perspective.

### Kirstyn Freiberg 7/2011

Kirstyn graduated with a Masters in Architecture from the University of Oregon in 2006. Prior to joining Aria Group, she was the Creative Manager of Sears Holdings Corporation.

### Marina Belotserkovskaia 7/2011

Marina graduated with a Master of Architecture from Texas Tech University in 2004. Following graduation she worked at Dekker/Perich/Sabatini in Albuquerque, NM and 4240 Architecture in Chicago.

### Jeannine Norman 8/2011

Jeannine graduated from Knox College in 2001 with a Bachelor's Degree in Studio art and she graduated from Columbia College Chicago with a Master of Fine Arts in Interior Architecture in 2005. Prior to starting at Aria Group she worked at VOA.

### Shirley Cho 8/2011

Shirley graduated with High Honors, achieving a Bachelor of Architecture from Illinois Institute of Technology in 2006. Prior to joining Aria Group, she worked at VOA.

### Stephanie Stasiak 9/2011

Prior to joining Aria Group, Stephanie worked in accounting, most recently in the accounting department of a local municipality. Here at Aria Group she works with our Office Manager on all accounts payable, receivables, billing and HR duties.

### La Keshia Leek 11/2011

Keshia is a design student at Columbia University who is working part-time in our sample library.

Congratulations to **Olivia and Vince Panzeca** on their wedding in July, and to **Neal Thompson** who received his architectural license this year. Congratulations on the following 2011 promotions: **Neal Thompson** to the position of Project Manager; **Megan Walsh** to the position of Project Designer and **Victor Baez, Jr.** to the position of Project Coordinator.

We'd like to celebrate the following anniversaries at Aria Group: **Joe Junius, Brian Zielinski, Olivia Panzeca** and **Tracey Mac Murchy**, who have been here for five years; **Ryan Peterson, Neal Thompson, Stacey Bouwman, David Riggs** and **Debbie DeBoer** who have been part of Aria Group for ten years; and **Chris DeBoer** who has been with Aria Group for fifteen years.

This year as part of their IDP process for Architectural licensure, a number of our interns donated their time and talent to assisting the West Cook YMCA. **Shannon, Joe J., Noi, John D., Kristen** and **Amy** provided the design for rehabbing the SRO facility as well as the design for the remodel of the YMCA's locker rooms and wellness centers. Once again this year, Aria Group has helped provide a Thanksgiving feast for the SRO residents at the YMCA.



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