

2012

In order to meet the needs of our clients in 2012 we have grown larger than we have ever been in the past. Besides working in Chicago and 20 U.S. states this year we completed projects in Canada, Mexico, Colombia, Argentina, Chile and Puerto Rico. As we begin our 24th year we have 74 architects, architectural designers, interior designers, interns, technicians and support staff motivated to provide great design and service to our many clients. We would like to thank our clients, consultants, associates and our contractor teammates for the ongoing support. We hope that you all have a healthy and prosperous 2013.

Jim, Kathy, Walt, Joe, Tom, Frank, Pam, Dan, Lois, Dave, Chris D., Mark, Ronnie, Arturo, David, Stacey, Neal, Ryan, Nazario, Lillian, Chris H., Leslie O., Jennifer V., Victor, Nicole, Tracey, Brian, Joe J., Chris C., Lisa, Ilias, Chris C., John, Elisabeth, Karl, Nicholas, Matthew 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., Elizabeth K., Dave D., Eva, Damian, Matthew S., Emilia, Jennifer A., Egle, Elizabeth P., Trina, Mike, Archit, Sean, Matt K., Alexandra, Stanley and Matthew S.



DEL FRISCO'S DOUBLE EAGLE STEAKHOUSE

Chicago, Illinois

This year Aria Group designed three Del Frisco's locations. Two are Del Frisco's Grilles; Phoenix AZ and Washington DC. The third (pictured here) is a high-end Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse located in the old Esquire Theater in Chicago, IL.; it is one of the largest steakhouses in Chicago and evolves from the original art deco design of the theater. The contractor is Shawmut Design and Construction.



Photography by Tony Soluri



HILTON CHICAGO

Chicago, Illinois

This past year saw the completion of Aria Group's work on the Hilton Chicago F&B project, part of which included the re-design of the hotel bar, lounge, and restaurant. They were unified into the new 720 South Bar and Grill. In addition, Aria Group created a new grab & go concept called SNAX. Working closely with Hilton Corporate design/management team and hotel staff of this landmark property, Aria Group designed the spaces to have a casual elegance, grounded by the Hilton Worldwide brand. Crane Construction provided a commitment to quality in building the project and Schuler Shook incorporated their talents into the lighting design.



Photography by Anthony Gomez

DAVE & BUSTER'S

Orland Park, Illinois and Dallas, Texas

Aria Group is working in collaboration with Dave & Buster's, Inc. and Jackman Reinvention Inc. on reconcepting plans for Dave and Buster's. The number of projects for the 23,000 SF – 50,000 SF entertainment/dining facilities quickly expanded and was divided among Aria Group's studios. This gives the client focused customer service, yet allows Aria Group to complete a much larger volume of work. Aria Group has worked on 8 new and 12 remodel locations. The most recent openings are Orland Park, IL and Dallas, TX; both pictured here. The contractor for Orland Park is Shawmut Design and Construction. The contractor for Dallas is Spring Valley Construction Company.



Photography by Ed Rode



Rendering by Nicole Poole

SUPERMAX

Aurora, Illinois

SuperMax is a leading international manufacturer, distributor and marketer of latex medical gloves with headquarters in Malaysia. Aria Group is designing their Chicago-area flagship corporate office in collaboration with their contractor, ARCO/Murray. Current design intent includes rich symbolic materials that have been approved by a leading authority on Feng Shui design. A 2013 opening date for the facility is anticipated.



Photography by Anthony Gomez

Closely following the Houston opening is the Austin, TX location, which is similar in size and scope. TopGolf Austin is slated to open in the Spring of 2013.

TOPGOLF

Houston, Texas

TopGolf Houston is the largest location to date with 102 hitting bays on 3 levels, multiple bars, an open air roof terrace with private bar, and multiple meeting rooms. It is the latest prototype for TopGolf facilities, based on our design in Allen, TX as well as lessons learned in Dallas and Chicago. Houston opened December 2012 to rave reviews. The contractor is ARCO/Murray.



Photography by Anthony Gomez

NANDO'S

Waugh Chapel, Maryland

Nando's in Waugh Chapel is a good example of the type of creative, colorful and fun design Aria Group has helped our client establish in the U.S. and now Canada. We also completed locations in Pentagon Row, VA and National Harbor, Washington, DC. The contractor for these projects is Herman Stewart.

Other locations opening soon include: Woodbridge, Baltimore St., Arundel Mills as well as 3 Canadian locations.



COOPER'S HAWK WINERY & RESTAURANT

Arlington Heights, Illinois

The Arlington Heights Cooper's Hawk is one of three locations Aria Group designed that opened in 2012, the others being Merrillville, IN and Kansas City, MO. Arlington Heights is the largest store to date. Most notably, it has a dramatic lower level banquet dining room featuring an arched millwork ceiling, rows of wine barrels along the periphery and a focal wall of candle lit alcoves.

Kansas City, Missouri

This is the 11th Cooper's Hawk location to open and it is the first Cooper's Hawk in Missouri. Its second story dining overlooks a spacious and inviting retail area. It opened in December in the heart of the historic Country Club Plaza district.



OMANGO

Aurora, Illinois

OMango is a new quick casual concept inspired by the vibrant flavors of India. Aria Group was hired to help establish a strong brand that is fresh and modern, yet speaks to authentic Indian culture.

The result is a bright, vibrant space, richly layered with texture and warmth, much like Indian cuisine itself. The contractor is Mike Scott General Contracting.



Tre Soldi
212 E. Ohio
Chicago, IL
Level Construction, Inc.
June 2013

BrickTop's
Coral Gables, FL
Story Construction
April 2013

Kona Grill
Boise, ID
Dorado Construction
Late 2013

Shake Shack
Westbury, NY
Shawmut Design
& Construction
November 2012

Bombay Spice
Chicago, IL
Summer 2013



Rendering by Shannon Sterne & Kirstyn Greshammer

BJ'S RESTAURANT AND BREWHOUSE

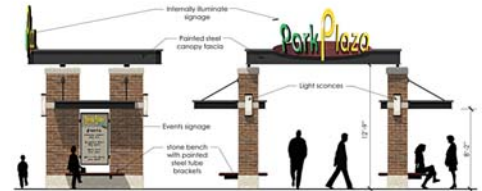
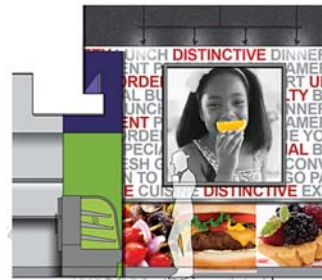
Tysons Corner, Virginia

BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse is a concept out of California with over 200 locations mainly on the West coast and in the South. Aria Group is designing their first store in the East, an inline location at Tysons Corner, VA.

PARK PLAZA

Bowling Green, Kentucky

Aria Group is working with MR Group and Alliance Corporation developing a unique 46,000 SF restaurant and plaza concept adjacent to a minor league baseball park. Aria Group's work includes the design of 7 full service and quick casual restaurants, a drive-in take out facility, a banquet center and a commissary kitchen that will service the entire complex. Also, an outdoor plaza adjacent to the ball park that includes outdoor cafes, landscaped planting areas and site structures are included in Aria Group's work. The base building design is being completed by GBBN Architects and Creative Hospitality Associates, Inc. is developing menus for the concept. The entire project is expected to be complete in 2013.



Rendering by Marina, Trina, Elizabeth P., Tim and Frank

Roka Akor Steak & Sushi
Old Orchard Shopping Center, Skokie, IL
May 2013

Bub City
Chicago, IL
Kern Konstruktion & ARCO/Murray
December 2012

Piccolo Sogno Due
Chicago, IL
Spring 2012

Dragon Ranch
Chicago, IL
Rockit Ranch Productions
June 2012

Lawry's Remodel
Chicago, IL
Constructive Management, Inc.
November 2012

ALSEA

ITALIANNI'S

Mexico City, Mexico

Continuing our relationship with Alsea, Aria Group developed a new design for the popular Italianni's concept. While maintaining brand identity, we developed a design that speaks with authentic Italian visuals in a clean, contemporary way. Art selections were especially important to convey Italian humor, culture, and the family dynamic.



Renderings by Jeanine, Joe J., Marina, Trino, and Tim

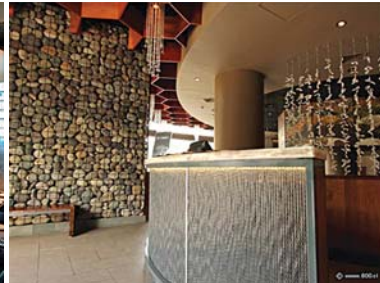
P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO

Santiago, Chile and Santa Fe, Mexico

Expanding upon our history with the concept, Aria Group worked with franchisee Alsea to bring P.F. Chang's to Santiago, Chile and Santa Fe, Mexico. Aria Group has completed twelve P.F. Chang's locations for Alsea in Mexico and South America, including four that opened in 2012.

Alsea locations scheduled to open in 2013 include Bogota, Colombia and San Isidro, Argentina.

Photos courtesy of P.F. Chang's China Bistro



CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

Sawgrass Mills, Sunrise, Florida

Aria Group has taken the CPK brand through a few iterations over the years and now we are helping them launch a third new prototype. This design maintains the essence of the CPK brand yet updates it with a modern, "Californian" look. Sawgrass and Somerset are the first locations to utilize the updated design.



Photography by Anthony Gomez

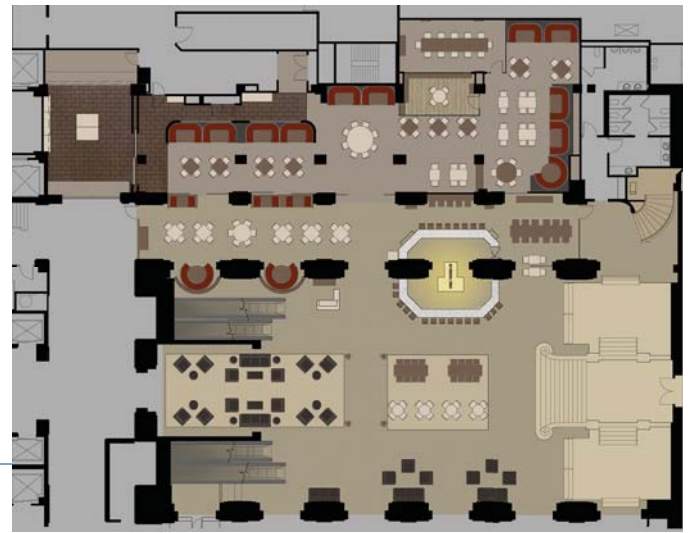
Donald E. Stephens
Convention Center
Starbuck's
Rosemont, IL
Degan & Rosato
Spring 2012

Lavazza Expression
Naperville, IL
Built by Owner
January 2013

Giordano's
Chicago, IL
Prototype Design

Pei Wei Asian Diner
Washington, DC
Story Construction
May 2013

M Burger
Woodfield Mall,
Schaumburg, IL
Late 2013



Rendering by Jeannine, Trina and Frank

PALMER HOUSE

Chicago, Illinois

Aria Group is working with the Palmer House to enhance the design of several spaces within this Chicago landmark hotel. Our work includes design of a sculptural island bar and new seating concepts in the main lobby, re-defining lighting, seating and finishes in the Lockwood restaurant and enhancing the thematic relevance of Potter's lounge.

ARIA PERSONALS

Elizabeth Kozlik 4/2012

Elizabeth graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Art in Interior Design. Prior to Aria Group, she worked at Solomon Cordwell Buenz and Interior Image Group.

David Djukic 5/2012

David graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a Bachelor of Art in Architectural Studies in 2008. Prior to working with Aria Group, he worked at Chicago Associates Planners & Architects.

Eva Toma 5/2012

Eva graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies. Prior to working with Aria Group, she worked at Gelick Associates.

Damian Satola 5/2012

Damian graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a Master of Architecture in 2011. Prior to working with Aria Group, he worked at Koo & Associates.

Matthew Shoener 6/2012

Matthew graduated from University of Illinois at Chicago with a Masters of Architecture in 2011. Prior to working with Aria Group, he worked at K2 Studio in Chicago.

Emilia Bernatowicz 7/2012

Emilia received her Master of Architecture from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2011. Prior to joining Aria Group, Emilia explored the design process at The Michelle Litvin Studio.

Jennifer Accathara 8/2012

Jennifer graduated with a Master of Architecture from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2010. Prior to working with Aria Group, she worked at Studio Aria in Sydney, Australia.

Egle Bankauskaite 8/2012

Egle is an Interior Architecture senior at Columbia College in Chicago, graduating in May 2013. Prior to working with Aria Group she interned at Dauphin.

Elizabeth Plecha 10/2012

Elizabeth earned a BFA in Interior Design in 2002 from Harrington College of Design and she became NCIDQ certified in 2010. Prior to Aria Group, she worked at O'Kelly + Kasprak LLC.

Trina Alsip 10/2012

Trina received a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design from Indiana University Bloomington in 2010. Prior to Aria Group, she supported the U.S. Restaurant Design team at McDonald's Corporation.

Mike Velko 10/2012

Mike graduated from the University of Illinois Circle Campus in 1985 with a Bachelor of Architecture in Building Technology. Previous experience includes Principal at Architectural Services Enhancement, Inc.

Archit Sawhney 10/2012

Archit earned a Professional Bachelor of Architecture with Digital design specialization from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 2012. Prior to starting at Aria Group he worked at Sigma Engineering.

Sean Irish 10/2012

Sean graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 2009 with a Bachelor of Architecture. Prior to joining Aria Group he worked at Advanced Technologies Group.

Matthew Kinne 11/2012

Matt received a Bachelor of Architecture and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design from Ball State University in 2006. Prior to working with Aria Group, he worked at Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture.

Congratulations to **Kirstyn and Mark Greshammer**, **Leslie Baluga and Ilias Saoukbaev** and **Jeannine and Bill Winczner**, who celebrated their weddings this year.

Congratulations to **Stephanie and Juan Mateus** on the birth of their daughter **Olivia** in July; and to **Brad Beall** and his wife **Michelle** on the birth of their son, **Bennett**, in October.

We'd like to also congratulate the following people on their promotions this year: **Chris Hamer** to Project Manager, **Shannon Sterne** to Senior Architectural Designer, **Leslie Ott** to Senior Interior Designer, **Chris Curran** and **Brian Zielinski** to Project Coordinator, **Christine Garvey** to Senior Architectural Designer, **Arturo Radilla** to Project Manager and **Nicole Poole** to Project Architectural Designer. Also, in 2012 **Brad Beall** earned his Illinois Architectural License.

The following people are celebrating anniversaries at Aria Group: **Chris Curran**, **Lisa Maceda**, **Ilias Saoukbaev**, **Chris Caron**, **John Drogos**, **Elisabeth Lacey**, **Karl Guider** and **Nicholas Poluha** who have been here for five years; **Neal Thompson**, **Ryan Peterson**, **David Riggs** and **Lillian Reyes-Brahar** who have been here for 10 years and **Thomas Smicklas** who has been with Aria Group for 20 years.

