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A Decade of Client Relationships

This year we are celebrating a decade of service to three clients that have been instrumental in growing and sustaining our business: Dave & Buster's, Shake Shack & Top Golf. It has been our privilege to develop new design approaches as we grow and evolve along with these special companies. We look forward to what the next ten have in store.

Orland Park, IL

Louisville, KY

Dave & Buster's

Westport, CT

Phoenix, AZ

Shake Shack

Allen, TX

Glendale, AZ

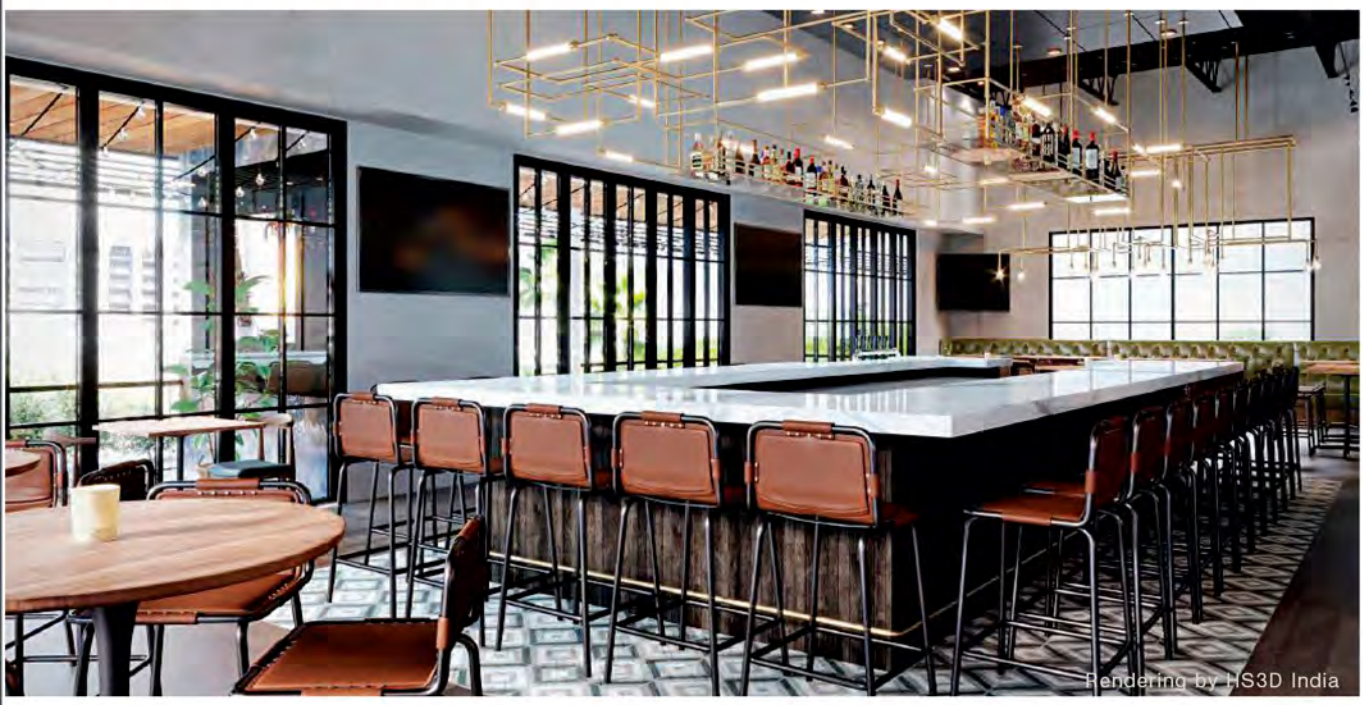
Top Golf

Carve American Grille

Austin, TX

Seats: 203 Interior + 82 Patio
Square footage: 7,627 SF
Contractor: InMotion Builders

In this new concept from Perry's Restaurant Group, we sought to capture an upscale industrial aesthetic relating to the butcher shop heritage of the brand. Warm rustic finishes such as white oak, unrefined white subway tile, and patinated brown leather banquettes create a comfortable environment which is juxtaposed against blackened steel accents and touches of brass to refine the space. Bovine and butcher focused art, an authentic reclaimed lasso display, and antique accessories such as meat hooks and a vintage meat scale all tie into the butcher shop roots.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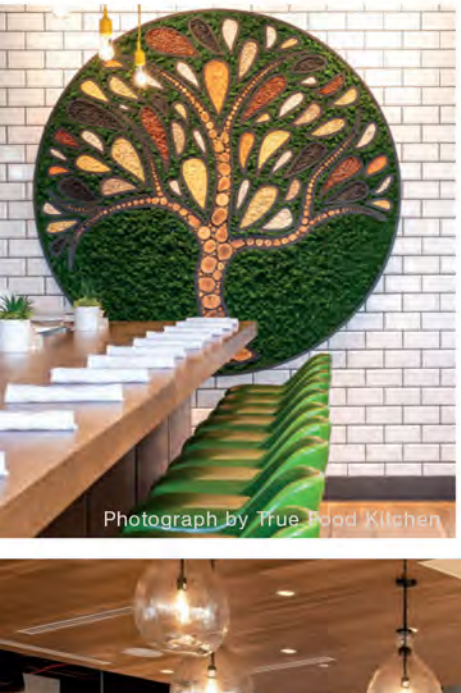
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True Food Kitchen

Oak Brook, IL

Seats: 185 Interior + 24 Patio
Square footage: 6,083 SF Interior + 495 SF Patio
Contractor: Wolford Retail Builders, Inc.

The design for True Food Kitchen in Oak Brook, Illinois reflects the brand's identity of fresh tastes and natural style with use of light colored material tones on the exterior corner facade and the interior's open floor plan. A combination of white tiles and light wood textures blend with the color pops of the upholstery and wall art and come together to form backdrops to the large dining room, center island bar, and open kitchen expo. Unique to this location are the oversized glass globe light fixtures at the main dining space and the bright yellow decorative screens on the exterior's facade and patio.

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The Barrel Club

Oak Lawn, IL

Seats: 311
Square footage: 6,219 SF
Contractor: International Contractors, Inc.

The architecture attributes its simple form to distilleries, but utilizes modern details to accentuate components of barrel-making throughout. A deconstructed barrel stave structure greets you upon arrival into the restaurant. Clearly visible from any spot in the restaurant are the various private label spirits, the showcase of this unique concept. This upscale yet comfortable Bourbon-centric restaurant acts as a community gathering space for all to enjoy.

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Topgolf FLEX

Augusta, GA

Seats: 788 **Hitting Bays:** 36
Square footage: 23,234 SF covered, 26,476 SF uncovered
Contractor: Arco Murray

The new Topgolf FLEX is aptly named for it's flexible use of indoor to outdoor space. This building introduces a new branding color to Topgolf and a modern gable roof with skylights that fall down the walls to bring the outdoors inside. Rustic farmhouse elements, colorful graphics, an atrium full of games, and playgrounds for all ages complete this sleek, new, playful Topgolf style.

Rendering by Olga Ratajski

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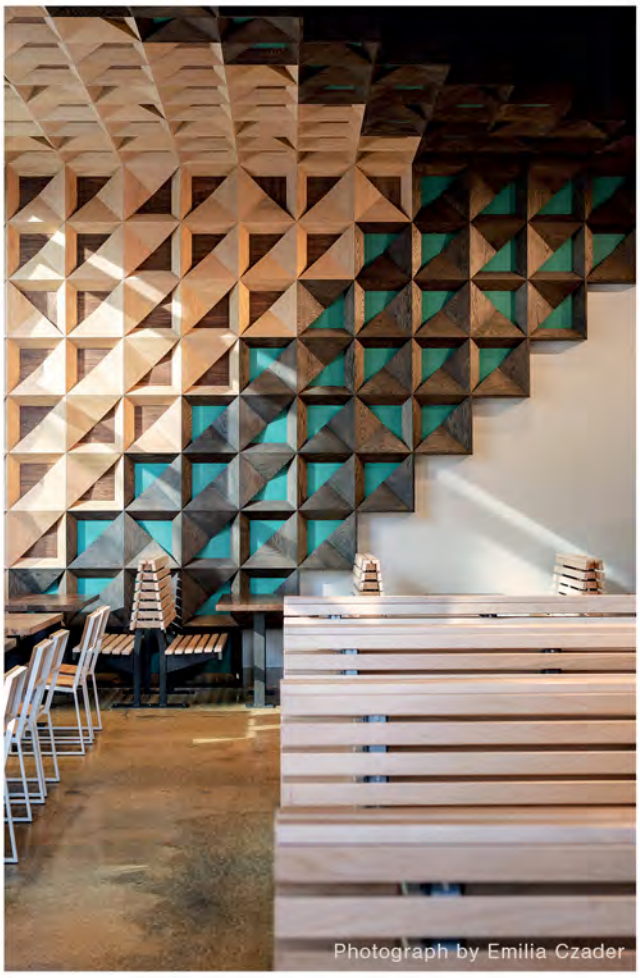
Shake Shack

Cleveland, OH

Seats: 102
Square footage: 4,625 SF
Contractor: Costal Quality Construction

Located in the historic district of Cleveland, this treasured building's new design was inspired by the layers of time that built Cleveland to the present. The "layered boxes" drape down the wall to modernize the classic intricacies of masonry work throughout the city, while the existing floor is stripped down to expose the beauty of wear that this historic corner building has endured.



Stan's Donuts

Chicago, IL

Seats: 38
Square footage: 1,135 SF
Contractor: Kern Construction

Leaving the youthful retro donut shop vibe behind, the brand elements introduced in this location are sophisticated with a warm wood and pink accented palette. The front counter is accentuated with a curved marble top and radiating walnut wood ceiling planks. Horizontal wood on the columns, emphasized by the raw concrete floor, add warmth to the space. A variety of dining and counter height seating with power plugs encourages customers to sit and enjoy the atmosphere.

Seats: 99
Square footage: 3,024 SF
Contractor: Kern Konstruction

Tortazo

Chicago, IL

To conceptualize the design for the first Tortazo - brainchild of renowned Chef Rick Bayless - we drew inspiration from the brand's defining values of "authentic, bold, curious, joyful & warm." We highlight authenticity via the showcase kitchen as well as through our selection of materials inspired by Mexican architecture. These include an innovative use of clay tile at the order counter and textured plaster throughout. Bold treatment of color is used through tile, fabrics, graphics, and furniture which was mixed with impactful patterning of millwork and soft goods.

Renderings by Lauren Oldenburg

Photograph by Emilia Czader

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Cooper's Hawk

Downers Grove, IL

Seats: 326 Interior + 52 Main Level Patio + 64 Terrace Patio
Square footage: 12,077 SF Interior + 1,061 SF Patio
Contractor: International Contractors, Inc.

Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant opened their 40th location in September 2019. The new building includes unique elements such as a lively roof terrace and second level bar, as well as a reserve experience tasting bar for more in-depth wine tastings with a dedicated attendant. The modern-casual yet rustic space was designed to reflect the client's approachable luxury brand.

Aria Personals

New Team Members

Celes Leonard
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Olga Ratajski
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Paul Nagtalon
Sara Armeanu
William Olds
Vesna Nikolic
McCoy Crawford
Indre Dabkute
Dongsoo Jang
Stanley Sterlinski
Quang Nguyen
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George Pan
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Haris Karajic
Nirav Tolani
Evan Harrison
Ross Burke
Scott Dobson
Dunja Jovanovic

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Chris DeBoer
Associate
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Archit Sawhney
Senior Designer
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Project Coordinator
Doug Lueken
Ana Hernandez
James Gallagher
Andrew Leung
Maitri Desai

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Sarah's Inn

Forest Park, IL

Square footage: 11,083 SF
Contractor: Radix Construction Services

Sarah's Inn is a local non-profit that provides comprehensive services for families affected by domestic violence. Aria had the opportunity to help them find a new home and transform a previous industrial building into a warm, welcoming office space. A calming neutral palette was chosen, along with pops of purple to stay on brand and liven up their work spaces. These spaces were designed with flexibility in mind for this ever-growing organization. A big thank you to all the Aria employees who graciously volunteered their time to help make this project a reality.

sarah's inn together strong

Congratulations

Licensures

Architecture

Arthur Ostrowski, Ana Hernandez, Sean Irish, Miry Kim

Interior Design

Elizabeth Hutchinson

Weddings

Jen Hernandez & James Gallagher, married March 27th
Tim Lee & wife Taylor, married May 3rd

Births

Sarah Hunt, baby Sophia born July 10th
Egle Bankauskaite, baby Aviana born July 30th
Nicole Poole, baby Emma born August 11th
John Drogos, baby Connor born September 24th