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Auspex Capital Secures Financing for Hardee's Franchisee Saddle Peak

The Transaction:

Saddle Peak, LLC ("SP"), a Hardee's franchisee owned and operated by veteran quick service restaurant entrepreneur Nicholas Shurgot, has successfully secured a senior secured term loan from Celtic Bank. Proceeds from the financing were used to refinance existing indebtedness. Headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas, SP currently owns and operates 25 Hardee's restaurants located across Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina. Auspex Capital served as financial advisor and debt placement agent to SP in connection with the transaction.

The Advisor:

Auspex Capital is a boutique investment banking and financial advisory firm specializing in the restaurant industry. For more information about how we can help your business procure cost effective capital or for a no-cost evaluation of your business, please call Chris Kelleher at 562-424-2455 or email at ckelleher@auspexcapital.com.