

Auspex Capital Advises on the Acquisition of 15 Taco Bell Restaurants By Maple Restaurant Group

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Franchisee of



**TACO
BELL®**

15 Restaurants

Buy-Side M&A Advisory
Senior Secured Term Loan
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The Transaction:

Maple Restaurant Group, a Pennsylvania based Taco Bell franchisee, has acquired 15 Taco Bell restaurants from Comida Corporation. The transaction included two Pizza Hut Express units and the underlying real estate at six locations. The restaurants are all located in eastern Pennsylvania. The acquisition was financed with senior debt provided by Merrill Lynch Franchise Finance Group and Wachovia Bank. Auspex Capital served as the M&A advisor and debt placement agent for Maple Restaurant Group and its affiliated real estate holding companies.

The Advisor:

Auspex Capital is a boutique investment banking and financial advisory firm specializing in the restaurant industry. Auspex's services include buy-side and sell-side M&A advisory, debt placement, asset valuation, institutional private equity and mezzanine placement, sale lease-back structuring and placement and financial restructuring.

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