

Auspex Capital Advises Sentinel Capital Partners on Acquisition of 123 Pizza Hut stores and Secures \$24.3 Million in Debt Financing



The Transaction:

Southern California Pizza Company, LLC, a newly formed Corona, California based Pizza Hut Franchisee, has completed the acquisition of 123 Pizza Hut restaurants from the Franchisor, Pizza Hut International, Inc. Southern California Pizza Company, LLC is now the largest Pizza Hut franchisee in the state of California. Sentinel Capital Partners, a New York City based private equity firm and an experienced restaurant industry investor, sponsored the transaction and provided the equity from Sentinel Capital Partners III, L.P. NewStar Financial, Inc. and CIT Group Inc. provided \$24.3 million of debt financing as well as a \$5.0 million line of credit to facilitate facility upgrades and new unit development. Auspex Capital acted as the buy-side M&A advisor and debt placement agent to Southern California Pizza Company, LLC and Sentinel for this transaction.

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 leaseback structuring and placement and financial restructuring.

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