

Auspex Capital Advises on the Acquisition of Five Taco Bell Restaurants by Zee Tacos, LLC



The Transaction:

Zee Tacos, LLC, a newly formed YUM! Brands franchisee, recently completed the acquisition of five Taco Bell restaurants in Southeastern California and Southwestern Arizona. Included in the transaction was the real estate underlying two of the locations and one parcel of vacant land, on which Zee Tacos will construct a new Taco Bell restaurant. The franchisor was the seller. Zee Tacos is owned by long time franchisees Mark Peterson and Krystal Burge, who now own and operate 77 YUM! Brands restaurants throughout Arizona, Southern Utah and Southeastern California. Auspex Capital acted as the buy-side M&A advisor and debt placement agent to Zee Tacos, LLC 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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