

## Auspex Capital Acts as M&A Advisor and Debt Placement Agent to Hot Pizzas

### DEBT PLACEMENT | M&A ADVISORY

Franchisee of



**40 Restaurants**

Buy-Side M&A Advisory  
Senior Secured Term Loan

### The Transaction:

Hot Pizzas, LLC, a Kingman, Arizona based YUM! Brands franchisee, has acquired 40 Pizza Hut restaurants, including the real estate underlying six locations, from the franchisor, Pizza Hut International. The transaction was financed by Regions Bank. Hot Pizzas is owned by long time franchisees Mark Peterson and Krystal Burge, who now own and operate 117 YUM! Brands restaurants throughout Arizona, Southern Utah and Southeastern California. On a combined basis, Hot Pizzas and its affiliates are now the largest YUM! Franchisee in the state of Arizona. Auspex Capital acted as the buy-side M&A advisor and debt placement agent to Hot Pizzas, 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 debt placement, sale lease-back structuring and placement and financial restructuring. For more information or for a no-cost evaluation of your business, please call Chris Kelleher at 562-424-2455 or email at [ckelleher@auspexcapital.com](mailto:ckelleher@auspexcapital.com).