



Stir Crazy Restaurants, Inc.

Chicago, IL

Stir Fry Restaurants

Investment Amount: \$2.0 Million

Investment Date: February, 2008

Investment Sponsor: The Walnut Group

"The team at CapX has become a great partner to Walnut and Stir Crazy providing a flexible leasing facility that acknowledges their understanding of growth businesses and demonstrates a desire to support our company for the long term."

— Patrick McBride, The Walnut Group

Investment Situation:

Stir Crazy Restaurants was founded in 1995 and over a 10 year period grew to 9 successful locations in 6 states. Looking for their next exciting and scalable restaurant project, The Walnut Group purchased Stir Crazy in late 2006. After thoroughly preparing the company and management team for growth in 2007, Stir Crazy embarked on its plan to open an additional 20 units by the end of 2009. Stir Crazy was able to arrange senior bank debt and specialized real estate capital for its expansion plan but lacked an equipment finance source to fund the equipment need for each new location.

The CapX Approach:

CapX is an opportunistic investor in restaurant and hospitality based businesses. The Walnut Group's conservative approach to initial capitalization, investment in top human resource and deep build/exit experience in the category brought CapX to propose on the deal. The initial funding would be on a sale leaseback basis to provide the company initial liquidity cushion. The remaining funding is available to the company to support new location openings.

The CapX Solution:

CapX provided a \$2,000,000 lease line of credit used to inject liquidity from in-place assets and support the growth for new locations.