

# CSG INDUSTRY NEWS

Restaurant & Retail Real Estate Report

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## Restaurant

### On Location

**Black Bear Diners Inc.** has opened four new locations. Three company-owned locations opened in November in Sugar Land, Texas, Olathe, Kansas and Independence, Missouri. Black Bear Diner also opened an additional location in Kingman, Arizona with franchisee partner **TravelCenters of America Inc.**

**Blaze Pizza LLC** is opening two new locations, one in Los Angeles, CA and the other in Arcadia, CA.

**Dog Haus International LLC** broke ground on its first location in Downtown Phoenix. The location will be open early 2020.

**Earl of Sandwich LLC** opened a new location in Las Vegas, NV. This is the first of three planned new locations.

**LemonShark Franchising, LLC** has opened a new location in Tucson, AZ.

**Mountain Mike's Pizza** is opening a new location in San Bernardino, California. The new location is serving up the brand's full menu including wine and beer.

**The Hummus & Pita Co.** announced a multi-unit franchise deal in Columbus, Ohio, to continue its rapid expansion across the Midwest. The first franchise location will open its doors in 2020.

**The Lost Cajun** opened its newest location in Byram, MS.

## Retail

### Industry Insight

**Walmart Stores Inc.** announced it plans to open 500 new stores in China over the next five to seven years.

### Financial Focus

**Louis Vuitton North America** has acquired **Tiffany & Co.** The deal is expected to close in the middle of 2020.

### On Location

**A.C. Moore Arts & Crafts Inc.** announced it will close all of its store locations, and up to 40 of them will be converted to Michael's.

**Citi Trends Inc.** plans to open 25 to 30 new stores annually and complete major remodels in 50 existing stores each year.

## Grocery, C-Store, Drug & Health

### Industry Insight

**Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.** announced it will be opening 14 UnitedHealthcare Medicare service centers within Walgreens stores in five metropolitan areas starting in January 2020.

### Financial Focus

**Parkland Fuel Corporation** has signed an agreement to acquire Mort Distributing, a family-owned marketer and distributor based in Glendive, MT.

**Quick Track Inc.** acquired East Texas Fuels Inc. The transaction included seven convenience stores.

### On Location

**The Fresh Market Inc.** announced plans to consolidate its corporate headquarters operations from two separate buildings into one new location in Greensboro, NC.

**Lidl US, LLC** said it will open two new stores in Long Island, NY, next week. The company has also revealed plans to open a new location in northeast Baltimore, its first location in that city.

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