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Restaurant & Retail Real Estate Report

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Cheesecake Factory announced its new fast casual concept, **Social Monk Asian Kitchen**. The first unit will open in Thousand Oaks, CA in the fall.

FoodFirst Global Restaurants named Mike Ellis its new Chief Development Officer. Ellis will be charged with executing real estate strategy.

Garbanzo Mediterranean Fresh hired Larry Sidoti as its new Chief Development Officer. Sidoti was the founder of **Juice It Up!** before leaving that company in 2008.

LEON, a UK-based “healthy” QSR, will open its first US location in DC this summer.

Slim Chickens hired Jackie Lobdell (formerly of **FOCUS Brands**) as Executive Director of Franchise Development.

On Location

Cowboy Chicken opened its first California location in Rancho Bernardo.

Freshii has made it to Arkansas with the opening of a franchise location in Bentonville.

Johnny’s Italian Steakhouse will add a total of 5-7 franchised units in the next 18 months in Colorado, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Patachou Inc. will open a third location for its **Public Greens** concept in Indianapolis this fall.

Shuckin’ Shack Oyster Bar will add 8 franchised locations in the next 12 months, including its first store in Georgia. The company is also exploring Midwest expansion, with the greater Cincinnati area as an initial target.

Stacked Pickle, a small Indiana-based chain of sports bars owned by former Colt Gary Brackett, plans to begin franchising, with up to 5 locations opening in 2019.

Tropical Smoothie Café opened 47 new stores in the first half of the year and has identified its key growth markets as Atlanta, Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth.

RETAIL

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Party City Holdco Inc. announced plans to open nearly 50 Toy City pop-up stores this year. The temporary locations will be rolled out alongside its seasonal Halloween City pop-ups.

On Location

Camping World Holdings plans to increase RV sales locations by more than 30% during the next 15 months through store openings, continued acquisitions and the launch of its new Gander RV Sales format.

Costco Wholesale Corp. will open its newest business center in Minneapolis, its first in Minnesota and 17th in the United States.

Macy's Inc. announced plans to open about 25 new Bluemercury stores this year, and another 30 in 2019.

GROCERY, DRUG, HEALTH & BEAUTY

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Bluemercury Inc. announced plans to open about 25 new stores this year, and another 30 in 2019.

On Location

Amazon.com Inc. is building a second Seattle store under its checkout-free Amazon Go banner. The new store will be 1 mile away from the original and open this fall.

The Fresh Market Inc. announced that it will close 15 stores in the next month in Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

The Kroger Co. announced that it will exit the Raleigh-Durham market in August, by closing and selling its 14 locations there.

Tom Thumb opened its first convenience store, Tom Thumb Express, last month in Dallas, TX.

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