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ARLINGTON CAPITAL ADVISORS FACILITATES INVESTMENT IN NEWK'S EATERY

Birmingham, AL – March 25, 2014 Arlington Capital Advisors, LLC, a boutique investment bank that specializes in advising closely-held consumer businesses, announced today that its principals facilitated a majority investment in Newk's Eatery by New York based Sentinel Capital Partners. Arlington's principals, acting as registered securities agents of M&A Securities Group, Inc., were the exclusive financial advisors to Newk's and its shareholders on the transaction.



The Principals of Arlington Capital Advisors, LLC acted in their capacity as registered securities agents with M&A Securities Group, Inc. in this transaction. Arlington and MAS are not affiliates.

Based in Jackson, MS, Newk's is a rapidly growing market leader in the fast casual restaurant segment with a diverse menu of high quality, made-from-scratch sandwiches, soups, salads and pizzas. Currently, the Newk's Eatery system consists of 67 restaurants located within the Southeast. With its investment from Sentinel Capital Partners, Newk's plans to execute a calculated growth strategy in its existing and new geographic markets.

“Sentinel’s investment marks a key point in our company’s history as we look to build our business,” said Chris Newcomb, CEO of Newk’s. “It was a pleasure working alongside Arlington Capital Advisors, utilizing their expertise to facilitate this investment. In working with the Arlington team, we could tell right away that they were experts in the restaurant industry and highly respected in their field. Arlington brought to us the very best restaurant private equity firms and we are thrilled to have partnered with Sentinel. Throughout the process, the entire Arlington team was always available and knowledgeable in helping to complete the transaction.”

“We are excited about partnering with Newk’s Eatery and working with its management team to expand its footprint in the market,” said James Coady, partner at Sentinel. “We were very pleased working with Arlington and value their strategic insight in this deal.”

“Newk’s is truly a one-of-a-kind asset in the restaurant space. From the beginning of our work with Chris Newcomb and the talented Newk’s management team, Arlington’s focus was to pair the fast growing Company with a great financial partner with a proven track record investing in the restaurant industry,” said Vann Russell, Managing Partner of Arlington Capital Advisors. “We are thrilled to have facilitated a new partnership for this great brand with notable restaurant and franchise investors Sentinel Capital Partners. We are excited to watch this partnership take Newk’s to the next level.”

About Arlington Capital Advisors

Arlington Capital Advisors, LLC is a boutique investment bank that specializes in providing middle-market businesses with M&A advisory services. Arlington focuses on sell-side and buy-side mergers and acquisitions, sourcing growth capital and other capital-centric strategic alternatives for businesses across a wide array of industries including a specific focus and expertise in multi-unit consumer businesses. Securities offered through M&A Securities Group, Inc. M&A Securities Group, Inc. and Arlington Capital Advisors are not affiliated companies. For more information on Arlington Capital Advisors, visit www.arlingtoncapitaladvisors.com.

About Newk's Eatery

The Newk's Eatery system began in 2004 as a local-owned sandwich shop in Oxford, Mississippi and has grown into one of the fastest growing franchisors of fast casual restaurants throughout the Southeastern United States. Newk's offers a diverse menu of high quality, made-from-scratch sandwiches, soups, salads, and pizzas. For more information about Newk's Eatery, visit www.newks.com.

About Sentinel Capital Partners

Sentinel Capital Partners specializes in buying and building companies in the lower end of the middle market in the United States and Canada in partnership with management. Sentinel targets aerospace and defense, business services, consumer, distribution, food and restaurants, franchising, healthcare, and industrial businesses. Sentinel invests in management buyouts, recapitalizations, corporate divestitures, and going-private transactions of established businesses with EBITDA of up to \$40 million. Sentinel also invests in special situations, including balance sheet restructurings, and operational turnarounds. For more information about Sentinel, visit www.sentinelpartners.com.