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Mezze Restaurant

Real Restaurant Group of Los Angeles has opened the Mezze Restaurant at 401 N. La Cienega Blvd. in West Hollywood after acquiring the leasehold interest in the property in what was a complicated transaction, according to EVP David Chasin of Los Angeles-based Pegasus Investments. Chasin, who represented RRG alongside Pegasus president Ken Chasin, reports that RRG bought the leasehold interest in 401 N. La Cienega from a partnership of investors who had owned and operated the former restaurant at the site, Sona. The grand opening of Mezze in March "marked the culmination of a complicated asset purchase which was the subject of a Chapter 11 bankruptcy," Chasin explained. "Over a year of legal negotiations, court approvals and city approvals were navigated to get to the Mezze you see today." Pegasus worked closely with RRG's legal counsel, Jordan R. Bernstein of Los Angeles based Michelman & Robinson LLP throughout the entire process, Chasin noted. RRG is a development and management company founded in 2010 by restaurant/hospitality veterans and Cornell University Alums Matt Bendik, managing partner; Michael Kassar, managing partners and general manager of Mezze; Micah Wexler, managing partner and chef at Mezze; and business partner David Koral, managing partner.