

Press Release

Akerman Represents Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. in \$71.3 Million Public Offering

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced that it has represented Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., the world's largest Burger King[®] franchisee, in connection with a \$71.3 million public offering of the company's common stock, underwritten by Raymond James & Associates and Stephens, Inc. The deal was completed on April 30, 2014.

The Akerman team representing Carrols Restaurant Group was led by [Wayne Wald](#), the Corporate Practice Group leader in Akerman's New York office, partner [Palash Pandya](#), Frank Cordero, Federal Tax Practice Chair, and associates Dalia De Leon and Anne Cataldo.

Akerman has represented [Carrols Restaurant Group](#) in several other noteworthy transactions, including a secondary underwritten public offering of more than 4 million shares of common stock in 2012, and the acquisition of 278 Burger King Corporation company-owned restaurants. Akerman also represented Carrols Restaurant Group in the spin-off into an independent public company of its former wholly owned subsidiary, Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., which owns, operates and franchises the Pollo Tropical[®] and Taco Cabana[®] restaurant brands.

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