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**GRAHAM DOWNES ARCHITECTURE REINVENTING  
STONE OVEN AT WESTFIELD MALL IN CULVER CITY**

SAN DIEGO – (July 29, 2009) – Leading retail design innovator Graham Downes Architecture has been commissioned to create a hot new look for Stone Oven, a popular restaurant chain with locations in San Diego and Southern California. The new prototype design will first be revealed at a new store in the food pavilion of the newly renovated and expanded Westfield Shopping Center in Culver City, Calif.

Graham Downes Architecture is providing full architectural services for the 674-square-foot tenant improvement project. The food concept is fresh-order sandwiches and salad accompaniments.

The design of the restaurant features sleek, contemporary styling with 'crafted' materials and detailing to emulate the food preparation process. The stacked-stone counter face is offset by a dark-stained wood ceiling soffit, accent wall, and countertop that wraps down the front of the stone. Tinted blown-glass pendants, soft recessed lighting and areas of polished stone add to its clean, modern appeal.

The central focus of the new restaurant is a floor-to-ceiling, metal-clad oven that will lure patrons with the scent of fresh baking. The oven will be used to bake the restaurant's trademark gourmet bread. This design prototype will be the model for a rollout of more Stone Oven locations across California.

Graham Downes is principal-in-charge for Graham Downes Architecture, with Maria Carrillo as project manager and Eva Thorn as designer. Kohrs, Lonnemann, Heil Engineers, PSC, of Ft. Thomas, Ky., is the electrical and mechanical engineer. Conex Development Co. of Los Angeles is the general contractor. Hollis Brand Culture of San Diego is providing graphic design.

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Graham Downes Architecture, Inc. was founded by international architect Graham Downes in 1994. The cutting-edge architectural design firm is known for providing creative solutions for retail, hospitality, entertainment, and multi-family residential projects. The firm's recent focus is on projects that drive relevant, contemporary lifestyles, including boutique hotels and mixed-use, urban infill projects. The firm consists of a total team of 40 designers and support personnel, both at its office headquarters located at 1600 National Ave. in downtown San Diego, Calif., and at its Las Vegas office at 2121 E. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas, Nev. More information about the firm is available online at [www.grahamdownes.com](http://www.grahamdownes.com).

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