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USACafes Limited Partnership said it completed the sale of its Bonanza restaurant franchise system to a subsidiary of Metromedia Co. for \$ 71 million in cash .

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USACafes , which is nearly half-owned by Sam and Charles Wily of Dallas , said it will distribute proceeds from the sale to unit holders as a liquidating dividend as soon as possible .

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The Bonanza franchise system , which generates about \$ 600 million in sales annually , represented substantially all of the partnership 's assets .

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The sale of the system has been challenged in a class-action suit on behalf of unit holders filed last week in a Delaware court , USACafes said .

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The company said it believes the suit is without merit .