

CENTRAL FLORIDA BUSINESS

# Huge food hall revealed for Kissimmee

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Orlando's largest food hall is headed to Kissimmee's W192 tourism corridor.

Magic Development CEO Rodrigo Cunha told GrowthSpotter the company will build a 30,000-square-foot food hall to anchor the first phase of the company's multibillion-dollar Magic Place by Pininfarina luxury resort.

"It's going to be called Gourmet Market at Magic Place, and it will be composed of 20 restaurants," Cunha said. "We don't want any chain restaurants whatsoever."

Food halls are flex-commercial spaces with a highly curated mix of specialty food vendors. Several are in the Orlando pipeline — in Creative Village, Sanford and Lake Nona — but none of this scale. Gourmet Market would even dwarf Tampa's 22,000-square-foot Heights Public Market on the city's downtown riverwalk.

Magic Place master designer Pininfarina has already designed the building, which will have seating for about 400 customers. Cunha said the building will feel cozy on the inside, with Pininfarina's trademark modern flair on the exterior.

A glass atrium will extend the length of the building, providing an abundance of natural light. An open dining room would feature long, communal tables and tufted-leather sofas.

Magic Development will occupy the entire second floor, overlooking the open dining space, for its corporate headquarters and sales offices.

Magic Place is already in site development for the project east of Old Town, and the plan is to



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Magic Development will build Orlando's largest food hall, Gourmet Market at Magic Place, on Kissimmee's W192 corridor. The light-filled interior features large communal tables and tufted leather sofas.

deliver Phase 1 in 2020.

## Orlando Health plans Randal Park hospital

Orlando Health confirmed plans for a multi-phased medical campus, including a future hospital, at a prime corner in Orlando's Randal Park community.

The nonprofit health care system paid \$9.9 million in June for the 15-acre parcel, previously slated for a grocery-anchored retail center, at the northeast corner of Dowden Road and Randal Park Boulevard, adjacent to S.R. 417. Now the company has submitted an application to the City of Orlando for a Master Plan Amendment for the property and anticipates starting construction in January.

Spokeswoman Sabrina Childress told GrowthSpotter the appli-



cation outlines a proposed health and wellness campus. The first phase includes a free-standing emergency department and medical office building, to be completed by March 2020. Future plans for the campus include a hospital with capacity of up to 240 beds, pending state approval.

The master plan calls for a four-phase campus, a two-story hospital and attached five-story patient tower occurring in the second phase.

## Apartments, shopping in works for Apopka

Benge Development has revealed plans for a

100- to 130-acre mixed-use development at the northwest corner of state roads 429 and 441, with an early cost estimated of \$400 million, that stands to become the largest in development along the Western Beltway north of Florida's Turnpike.

Plans include 1,000 apartments, mixed-use commercial, a hotel, an assisted-living facility, a YMCA and a park.

"We're hoping by the third quarter of next year to have site work commenced," said president Tony Benge. "... It's job-growth driven. You've got a massive warehouse distribution facility going in across the street on the south side of 441, and just all the economic pressures going into the Apopka market."

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The Collier Companies of Gainesville will handle construction; NV5, formerly Lochrane Engineering, of Orlando is handling civil design; and GAI Consultants is handling site planning with Andrew Sheppard of its Orlando office working on the project.

"Mayor Nelson has embraced the project and has been very approachable with everything," Benge said. The 429 West project, as Benge referred to it, awaits the city's annexation and planning and zoning processes.

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space. It is expected to open in November.

## Thornton Park eatery closing

The Truck Stop Pop-Up Restaurant in Thornton Park has closed, bringing a quick end to the short-lived concept eatery.

Owner Greg Peters, who also runs Graffiti Junktion, said they couldn't make the rotating concept eatery work at 900 E. Washington St. near downtown Orlando.

But since the company still owns the spot, Peters said he does hope to open something new there soon.

"I am thinking about doing a brewery there," he said in a text message. "I have received many calls asking me to do something."

Truck Stop opened with intentions of having a rotating cast of chefs and food trucks serving dishes out of the restaurant. However, the restaurant suffered from a lack of consistency.

## Health inspections

An Orlando KFC restaurant and Flippers Pizzeria failed health inspections because of insects in the establishments.

The KFC at 5200 S. John Young Parkway failed an inspection on Aug. 20 because of roaches in the kitchen, storage area and dining room, according to a report from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

A live roach was found on the seat of a booth in the dining room, the report said.

The KFC restaurant reopened after another inspection the next day. A representative for parent company Yum Brands did not respond to a request for comment.

Flippers Pizzeria at 11062 S. International Drive in Orlando failed an inspection and temporarily closed Aug. 23, according to a report.

It had small flying insects in the kitchen and food preparation areas.

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