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Cactus to Open Bellevue Restaurant in Bellevue Square

BELLEVUE, Wash. (Jan.18, 2013) — Kemper Development Company (KDC), owners of The Bellevue Collection, announces today the new Bellevue Square lease of locally owned Cactus Restaurant. Expected to open in June 2013, this innovative Southwestern style restaurant will take over the space previously occupied by Z’Tejas Southwestern Grill, which will close Jan. 31, 2013.

Since opening their first restaurant in Madison Park in 1990, the brother team of Bret and Marc Chatalas has grown to serve innovative Southwestern and Mexican cuisines in restaurants in Kirkland, South Lake Union and Alki Beach. Famous for opening Seattle’s first tapas bar, the Cactus continues to cook up fresh seasonal menus and award winning margaritas nightly.



Born and raised in Bellevue, the family was eager to bring their successful restaurant home. “We love what Bellevue has become and we were excited with the prospect of being part of the ongoing transformation,” says Marc Chatalas. “We always had our eye on Bellevue but did not want to take the leap until we found the right location and when we felt that Bellevue was ready for Cactus. When we learned the Z’Tejas location at The Bellevue Collection was available, we immediately saw the potential.”

This 6,400 square foot restaurant is still being designed but is expected to be fashioned after an urban Mexican neighborhood restaurant. Similar to its other Puget Sound locations, Chatalas plans ongoing customer events. “We love engaging our guests outside of the typical restaurant experience,” he says. “We post recipes and “how-to” videos on our Facebook page and are passionate about tequila. We look for chances to educate and have fun teaching our guests. The Bellevue location will provide us with the room we need to meet and have fun with our guests.”

“Cactus is a perfect choice for this prime location,” says Jennifer Leavitt, vice president/marketing, Kemper Development Company. “As a family owned and local restaurant, Cactus will spice up the dining scene in downtown Bellevue with its amazing menu and welcoming atmosphere. The innovation and unique flavors they bring to their restaurants will be a perfect addition to our distinctive offering at The Bellevue Collection.”

About The Bellevue Collection

Located in the heart of Bellevue, Washington, The Bellevue Collection, owned by Kemper Development Company, includes Bellevue Square a super-regional upscale shopping center, Bellevue Place, a mixed-use property featuring the Hyatt Regency Bellevue and small boutiques and Lincoln Square anchored by the Lincoln Square Cinemas, restaurants, home furnishings and The Westin Bellevue hotel. With a distinctive collection of 250 of the finest shops, 23 sit-down restaurants, a 16-screen premier cinema, 1,000 luxury hotel rooms and 10,000 free retail parking spaces, all in one location. The Bellevue Collection is shopping, dining and nightlife and entertainment experience unlike any other in the region. It is located on Bellevue Way between NE 4th and NE 10th Streets in downtown Bellevue, just across Lake Washington from Seattle.

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