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## **EpiCentre to feature new restaurants**

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Seven restaurants are headed to the EpiCentre mixed-use complex under construction at East Trade and South College streets.

Atlanta-based Raving Brands will place seven of its nine restaurant brands in the 100,000-square-foot dining and entertainment section of Afshin Ghazi's \$300 million development.

Raving Brands restaurants slated to open in EpiCentre in 2007 include three that are new to Charlotte: PJ's Coffee of New Orleans, Flying Biscuit, Bonehead's Grilled Fish and Piri Piri Chicken.

Also committed are Doc Green's Gourmet Salads, Shane's Rib Shack, Moe's Southwest Grill and Planet Smoothie.

"It's safe to say we have partnered with Afshin Ghazi in a big way," says Darin Kraetsch, executive vice president at Raving Brands. "We are big fans of downtown Charlotte, and we feel the EpiCentre is among the best projects in the country."

Bob Durkin, president of Charlotte's Bar Management Group, says he's pleased with Raving Brands' commitment to EpiCentre.

Durkin's company is signing the entertainment and dining tenants for EpiCentre.

Previously announced venues are BlackFinn Restaurant & Saloon, a New York-based, Irish-American eatery, and The Fox Sports Grill.

More announcements will be made soon, Durkin says.