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# **Baker Donelson Moves Into The District at Eastover, Other Development Updates**

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JACKSON, Miss., March 22, 2016 – Baker Donelson is moving into The District at Eastover and will be the anchor tenant in One Eastover Center, the signature 125,000-square-foot Class A office building anchoring the leading-edge mixed-use development taking shape in the heart of Metro Jackson.

More than 150 employees including nearly 80 attorneys will begin work March 28 in the firm's new 70,000square-foot office, which occupies three floors in the building, located at Interstate 55 and Eastover Drive – centrally positioned between the city's major medical corridor, the Fondren Arts District and the high-end residential homes of the Lefleur East District. Previously, Baker Donelson's office was located in the Meadowbrook Office Park, near The District.

"Our team is excited about being the newest neighbors in The District," said Scott W. Pedigo, managing shareholder of the firm's Jackson, Miss. office. "It fosters the best in business, retail, restaurants, entertaining, living and working, and is quickly becoming a center of innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship. The District is a great place to do business for our clients and our firm, and we are proud to call it home."

Baker Donelson's new space features:

- Three floors with a full-service kitchenette on each floor
- 124 private offices and 38 open workstations expandable to 44
- 14 conference rooms with audio/visual capabilities in each and multiple rooms equipped with secure video conferencing capabilities on each floor
- A spacious, 3,500-square-foot multipurpose area on the fifth floor for entertaining, complete with a cafe and large balcony with sweeping views of The District's attractions
- All workstations are equipped with sit-stand desks
- Multiple work rooms and shared common areas on each floor.

Work on One Eastover Center was completed at the end of 2015, and is also home to Cosmich Simmons & Brown, another lead tenant that moved into the building last month.

In addition to these firms moving in, The District has announced several other updates to the \$125 million 21acre development:

## **BankPlus Building**

BankPlus, one of the leading community banks in Mississippi, recently announced construction of a multifaceted financial center complex that will house commercial lending, commercial real estate, cash management, private banking, wealth management, wealthplus and business development, and will also serve as the headquarters of the Jackson banking center. The BankPlus complex will boast 67,000 square feet of space as an anchor financial institution in The District.

### Restaurants

The District at Eastover is planning to establish six restaurants of varying categories across a broad spectrum, and are targeting:

- Modern Mexican restaurant
- Upscale sushi concept
- Modern twist on Mediterranean
- Neighborhood Italian with fresh pizzas, salads and wine
- Several fast, casual concepts

"The District at Eastover will be a culinary destination for Mississippi, and we want to celebrate that not only through the restaurants but also at events held on the property, including pop-up events, wine tastings and farmers markets," said Breck Hines, principle of The District at Eastover. "Furthermore, we want to expand on the current interest in health and wellness and marry that with the social aspect of good, locally-sourced food and drink. For residents of Jackson, dining out with friends and family is more than just eating good food - it is a large part of our social fabric and how we entertain ourselves."

#### Retailers

While the slate of exciting and trend-setting retailers has not been announced, the development is pursuing a variety of unique experiences ranging from salon and spa to health and fitness, women's fashion to gifts, interior décor, furniture and more, and will have further announcements in the near future.

#### **District Lofts**

Construction on The District Lofts, which will feature 250 upscale residential units with resort-caliber common areas and amenities, began in the fall of 2015 and is slated for completion in the spring of 2017, with associated ground floor local and national retailers coming online later this year and in early 2017.

## Marriott Residence Inn

The Marriott Residence Inn rising along Eastover Drive is expected to open for business early this summer. The four-story hotel – featuring 95 spacious suites with separate sleeping and living areas – will be the first new hotel in this area of Jackson in more than a decade. It is perfect for business travelers or families who prefer added comfort in an amenity-rich urban environment. Each suite will feature a sitting area, business desk with ergonomic chair, and complimentary Wi-Fi with high-speed Internet. Other amenities helping guests maintain a healthy lifestyle include a hot breakfast buffet, complimentary evening socials, swimming pool, exercise facility, outdoor patio fireplace and fellowship area, meeting rooms, business center and on-site laundry.

## **High-End Theater**

A high-end theater, planned for mid-2017, will boast eight screens, all with chair back reclining seats. The theater will include an elegant cocktail lounge where patrons can enjoy wine, beer and cocktails along with tapas-style dining while watching movies or attending other special events.

The convenience of The District at Eastover is inspired by both location and the intimacy of the development. All areas are easily accessible via walking and will have nearly 1,400 parking spaces, half of which will be covered parking in garages. Green space is incorporated throughout the development – including a central District Plaza – evoking a true neighborhood environment complete with wide sidewalks and inviting awnings, welcoming people to explore no matter the weather. Teams of District "ambassadors" will keep the development clean, green and secure.

# **Origin Bank**

Origin Bank has broken ground on their new bank branch located on the Frontage Road in front of One Eastover Center, with completion expected in late summer 2016. Origin Bank has a wide range of traditional banking services and 41 banking centers in Mississippi and across the Southeast.

#### **About The District at Eastover**

The District at Eastover represents the best of mixed-use urban revitalization in the heart of Mississippi's capital city. Conveniently located between Jackson's historic Eastover and Fondren neighborhoods and adjacent to the I-55 corridor and the University of Mississippi Medical Center, The District offers a transformative destination characterized by boutique shopping, acclaimed restaurants, thoughtfully planned office space and luxury residential living opportunities. Learn more about The District at www.thedistrictateastover.com

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