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## Zanti's Cucina Italiana coming to 1488 corridor

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A new option for Italian food lovers in south Montgomery County is on the horizon.

Zanti Cucina Italiana is set to open the concept's first location at the new Westgate Crossing mixed-use development along FMs 2978 and 1488 in spring 2019.

"This is the first of hundreds that aren't built yet," said developer Brent Everson.

The 8,000-square foot restaurant will seat almost 230 guests to enjoy a full bar, house-made pas-

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ta and classics like risotto, ravioli and pizza from an Italian, chef-designed menu.

Zanti will be located at the crossroads of one of the fastest growing developments in The Woodlands, Everson said.

"We've watched it grow," he said. "We'd sit at the construction site and week after week, and

you'd just see the traffic increase."

Though the site straddles the back side of The Woodlands and the Magnolia area, the biggest draw to developing at the end of Research Forest Drive was the large population of residents who enjoy fine dining of all sorts.

"The best thing about The Woodlands is the township itself and what it's done for the surrounding areas," Everson said.

The casual restaurant is a dream project for co-owner Rodrigo Palaez. With a family history in the hospitality industry, the Palaez brothers believed the concept would make sense in the growing area. As the first of its kind, Zanti follows a tried-and-true formula — people love Italian food.

"The idea was to create great food," Palaez said. "We're excited to bring that."

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