

WestStar Tower

AT HUNT PLAZA



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SECOND RESTAURANT TO LOCATE AT WESTSTAR TOWER

Sushi Itto To Occupy Space at Hunt Plaza

El Paso, Texas – October 14, 2020 – Hunt Companies, Inc. and WestStar are pleased to announce that Sushi Itto will locate at WestStar Tower. Shushi Itto, a Japanese restaurant, has leased 3,600 square feet of space on the ground-floor Hunt Plaza level of the new 20-story, Class-AA office building in downtown El Paso, TX.

“We couldn’t be more excited to open the first Sushi Itto concept in the U.S. at WestStar Tower,” said Arturo R. Alluin, entrepreneur and President of AO Ventures, LLC, the partnership that owns the El Paso Sushi Itto franchise. “The vision behind the project is to create a unique experiential dining restaurant for El Paso that not only enhances the quality of life in the community, but that also redefines and sets the standard for what true Japanese dining should be.”

The Alluin Group, who manages the AO Ventures, LLC partnership, has signed several development agreements with different restaurant concepts for El Paso and currently operates The Melting Pot. Sushi Itto is the newest addition to the portfolio locally. As the flagship concept for the brand in the United States, among the service offerings envisioned are a full-service bar, hibachi-style dining, take-out and to-go options, along with traditional Japanese sushi and sashimi. For more information visit www.sushi-itto.com.

WestStar Tower broke ground in the summer of 2018. When complete in 2021, WestStar Tower, a multi-tenant, multi-level LEED® certified "Green Building", will be the tallest building in El Paso at over 313 feet high. The overall project will include approximately 264,000 rentable square feet of true Class-AA space and 12,000 square feet of ground-level office and retail space. The building will offer approximately 850 parking spaces.

“This latest addition to WestStar Tower is one I’m really pleased to announce. It continues the effort to bring new and innovative concepts to downtown El Paso,” said Josh Hunt, Executive Vice President at Hunt. “As the downtown continues to transform, it’s restaurants like this one that add to the variety and options for those who live, work, and visit here.”

Other companies committed to the project include Corralito Restaurant, HUB International, W.

Silver Recycling, Windstar LPG, WestStar Bank, and Hunt Companies.

Project partners include Duda|Paine (building architect), Gensler (interior design), OJB (landscape architect) and Moss (general contractor). Pre-leasing and sales of condominium office space is in full swing. Will and Adin Brown with Sonny Brown Associates are leading the leasing and sales effort for office and retail users. For more information, visit www.weststartower.com.

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