



New Asian Restaurant to Open Downtown

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A new Asian-theme restaurant is expected to open near the Dayton Convention Center later this summer, creating approximately 30 new jobs downtown.

The new restaurant, called Sa Bai, will occupy space that once housed Chin's restaurant in the Dayton Transportation Center complex, which is managed by the Dayton Convention Center.

The casual dining facility will be owned and operated by Chanaka DeLanerolle, who also owns several restaurants in Cincinnati, including Mt. Adams Fish House, Teak Thai Cuisine and Sushi Bar, The Celestial Steakhouse, Incline Lounge, Apsara Asian Cuisine and Sushi Bar, and Longworth's.

At its public meeting today, the Dayton City Commission approved a five-year lease agreement with Chanaka DeLanerolle/Sa Bai LLC. The owner plans to invest approximately \$250,000 in renovations before opening for business at the end of August. The restaurant will be open seven days a week.

The concept for Sa Bai is a casual to upscale dining Asian restaurant, Sushi bar and lounge, providing a unique and rewarding dining experience through an array of authentic cuisine and beverages from across Asia. The lounge would provide additional entertainment with either live music or a D.J. The patio area will be utilized for additional dining space.

"We are excited to have a new restaurant added to the many choices already available downtown," Mayor Rhine McLin said. "Based upon his track record in Cincinnati, Mr. DeLanerolle obviously has the experience and skills necessary to operate a successful restaurant. Sa Bai will offer yet another dining experience for downtown workers and residents as well as visitors to the Convention Center, the Crowne Plaza Hotel, the Neon Movies and the Oregon Arts District."