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## **Saugatuck Commercial Real Estate brings PROOF Coffee to Stamford and Capuli to Westport**

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Stamford, CT PROOF Coffee Roasters, a specialty coffee company, opened its first Connecticut coffee shop at 200 Commons Park South, in the city's Harbor Point area. Saugatuck Commercial Real Estate (SCRE) was the exclusive broker in this transaction.

With multiple locations throughout New York City, PROOF sources its coffee from sustainable farms and roasts it locally in Brooklyn, N.Y. Jeff Sale, founder and CEO of PROOF Coffee, said the company was "incredibly excited" to expand their footprint to Harbor Point, and to the city as a whole.

"As a company, we are hyper-focused on the neighborhoods where we exist, creating jobs and sourcing goods locally," Sale said in a statement. In addition to specialty coffee and espresso drinks, PROOF also offers an assortment of teas, food and merchandise for purchase.

Stamford Economic Development director Thomas Madden said he was "really excited" about PROOF's new coffee shop. "Coming from the west coast, I have always felt were we under-caffeinated here in the city," Madden said in an email. "With the number of people working from home around the store site, it makes perfect sense to open up in this location. I know it will be a great asset to the community."

In addition, Penny Wickey of SCRE, exclusively represented Westport Pizzeria Too, LLC in the lease of their retail restaurant space to Capuli Restaurant, LLC. Capuli Restaurant will be opening during the fall holiday season at 143 Post Road East in Westport, Conn. SCRE was the sole broker for this transaction.

The name, Capuli, originates from a small fruit - similar to a black cherry which yields a sap used in native remedies. Chef-owner Armando is excited to bring something new and different to the community. He has 20 years of experience in the restaurant business, having worked in restaurants in California's Bay Area like Corso, Rivoli, Bistro Liaison, Rick & Ann's and also as a private chef.

Capuli Restaurant will be a fusion of California-Mediterranean cuisine and will offer a standard menu and weekly specials as a family-style restaurant.

The menu will provide a variety of fresh ingredients, low in saturated fats, whole grains, seasonal vegetables, lean meats and seafood.

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