

Six new tenants named at Federal Realty Investment Trust's Darien Commons

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Darien, CT According to Federal Realty Investment Trust (FRIT) six new tenants are joining the line-up at Darien Commons, a mixed-use destination under construction adjacent to the Noroton Heights train station. Seamore's restaurant, sweetgreen, Tartinery, Oath Pizza, Naya and Solidcore are expected to open by 2023 bringing some of New York City's hottest concepts closer to the town. Expected to open in phases starting this summer, the new development includes 75,000 s/f of new retail space along with 122 luxury apartments.

This will be the first Connecticut location for Seamore's, a NYC-based seafood restaurant passionate about sustainability.

"Darien Commons is an ideal spot to bring our commitment to serving sustainable seafood for our first CT location," said Jay Wainwright, CEO of Seamore's. "With the town's waterfront heritage, we know the audience will appreciate our passion for locally-sourced and delicious food."

Also new to the market, Tartinery is a New York City-based casual café-bar founded by Parisian

native Nicolas Dutko.

The European format menu starts each day serving bountiful salads, grain bowls, pastries, craft coffee by Irving Farm, fresh juices and smoothies. In the evening, the space transforms into a cozy neighborhood bar experience.

Naya with multiple locations in New York and Pennsylvania, features Lebanese food cooked from scratch and focuses on high-quality salads, wraps and trays. This will be their first location in Connecticut. Sweetgreen is an in-demand salad destination opening its first location in Darien.

Nantucket's Oath Pizza is a popular fast-casual restaurant that aims to deliver a relaxed weekend vibe every day and offers pizza made from exceptionally high-quality ingredients and a signature avocado oil crust. Fast-growing Solidcore offers an immersive fitness experience under blue neon lights, with energizing music, an encouraging coach and a community of people joined together to create the strongest version of themselves.

"The interest in Darien Commons has really validated our investment in this location," said Stuart Biel, senior vice president, regional leasing for Federal Realty. "So many best-in-class brands, local favorites and new-to-market retailers are choosing to open with us which confirms that we'll be offering a terrific neighborhood experience for our residents, visitors and Darienites in general."

On-site surface parking makes the retail accessible and shopping convenient. Darien Commons also features a brand-new 12,000 s/f Walgreens and a recently renovated Equinox club.

During the current construction plan, the following tenants and neighboring businesses are open and operating: Walgreens, Equinox, Citibank, Chase Bank, Edward Jones, Vavala's Deli, Sanda's Cleaners, Dolce Nails, Leary's Liquor Cabinet, TLC Hair Designs and Subway.

Darien Commons provides immediate access to I-95 and is near the Metro-North rail line to New York City.

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