

Slanted Door headlines new restaurants, retailers headed for East Bay's Bishop Ranch



City Center will feature 300,000 square feet of retail around a one-acre piazza in the middle of Bishop Ranch.

The City Center at Bishop Ranch has tacked on another string of tenants after finalizing leases with big-name San Francisco restaurants and retailers.

Chef [Charles Phan](#)'s The Slanted Door has signed on for 7,500 square feet in the San Ramon retail development, which is slated to deliver 300,000 square feet of restaurants, shopping and entertainment space later this year. Along with the San Francisco chef, fast-casual salad restaurant MIXT, sandwich seller Mendocino Farms and Napa-based taqueria chain C Casa have inked deals for space at the future shopping center.

The Gap Inc.'s (NYSE: GPS) athleisure brand Athleta, women's clothing and accessories retailer The Piece Store, and travel goods retailer Trader have jumped on City Center's powerhouse retail lineup.

The new restaurant and retail additions join other pre-lessees for the Sunset Development project. Earlier this year, City Center Bishop Ranch inked roughly 85,000 square feet of new deals with tenants such as upscale gym brand Equinox; Williams-Sonoma Inc.'s (NYSE: WSM) Pottery Barn, West Elm and namesake labels; Berkeley-based Fieldwork Brewing Company; Boba Guys; and several other clothing boutique, service, casual dining and entertainment businesses.

With two anchor tenants in place – Equinox and luxury cinema The Lot – the development is expected to be fully leased once construction is completed later this year.

Details about the development's current pre-leased rate were not immediately available.

"There is no other alternative in the Tri-Valley area, and it's a generous regional trade area," said [Jeff Dodd](#), the senior vice president of retail for City Center Bishop Ranch developer Sunset Development, previously told the San Francisco Business Times. "There is a lot of demand in a quality market with very few options."

For [Charles Phan](#), it was the project's design by acclaimed architect [Renzo Piano](#) that sealed his move to the East Bay suburb.

"I have many customers who live and work in the Tri-Valley area who are excited that we will be opening at City Center Bishop Ranch," Phan, who originally opened The Slanted Door in the Mission District of San Francisco in 1995, said in a statement. "[Renzo Piano](#)'s contemporary design is what attracted me to City Center and we are creating a unique space that will draw customers in from all sides."