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Cold Stone franchisee adds fro-yo

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A **Cold Stone Creamery** franchise that has seven stores between Orlando and Ocala — including four on the local front — is introducing a frozen yogurt bar to the mix.

[Vijay Dattani](#), an owner of Winter Garden-based franchisee Dattani Management Corp., said his firm will begin renovating stores this month starting with the eatery in the Winter Garden Village at Fowler Groves. The firm plans to demolish a second, unused stone counter used to mix the ice cream flavors and replace it with a self-serve toppings bar while also adding machines that will feature 12-18 flavors of self-serve frozen yogurt.

MC Construction of Tampa is the general contractor on the project, which is expected to take three to five days to complete.

Dattani Management expects to debut the Cold Stone Creamery and Yogurt Bar concept next month in Winter Garden, and then plans to renovate one store every three months, targeting late 2012 to have all its stores completed. Other stores are at the corner of Orange Blossom Trail and Sand Lake Road in Orlando, Uptown Altamonte, Brooksville, two in Ocala and a Cold Stone/Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory combo store at The Florida Mall in Orlando.

Scottsdale, Ariz.-based Cold Stone Creamery earlier this year began [testing the self-serve fro-yo concept](#) and added it into stores in Phoenix, Virginia Beach and Charlotte. Dattani is the first to add the frozen yogurt concept to Central Florida stores.