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Exclusive: What's next for Unicorp's I-Shops project



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International Drive has been a hotbed for [new construction activity](#) lately — and next up is the \$100 million I-Shops project.

Orlando-based **Unicorp National Developments Inc.** finalized several deals for the [renovation/redevelopment of](#) the **Wyndham Orlando Resort** on Sand Lake Road and I-Drive as part of the 100,000 square feet of [new retail planned for the project](#).

The projects are expected to bring about 1,000 temporary construction jobs to the area, as well as hundreds of permanent jobs. The new project and its neighboring sister project, the \$200 million [I-Drive Live dining/shopping/entertainment complex](#), are being named among the tourist area's most transformative developments. They'll also offer more leisure options to conventioners, who for years had said they wanted more to do along I-Drive once their meetings had ended.

The space, not including outparcels, is expected to be turned over to the tenants next year. **Scherer Construction** is the project general contractor.

The I-Shops deals that have been finalized include a 2,100-square-foot **Cold Stone Creamery/Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory**, set to bring 30 new jobs to the area, said local franchisee [Vijay Dattani](#), a co-owner of Dattani Management Corp. Along with that Unicorp also signed BJ's Restaurant & Brew House, **LongHorn Steakhouse**, **Starbucks** and **Wawa**.

The retail portion is set to be anchored by an 18,000-square-foot **Walgreens** store, which is relocating from its existing store on the west side of I-Drive.

Other tenants [we previously told you had been signed](#) included Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants, **Chuy's** Tex-Mex restaurant and **Red Robin Gourmet Burgers**

Be sure to come back for more updates on this and more projects in the area.

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