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## Thai restaurant to open at \$52M Chroma development

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The Prapaisilp family, which owns the Global Foods Market and United Provisions grocery stores and the King & I Restaurant, Oishi Sushi and Oishi Steakhouse, is opening a Thai restaurant at the \$52 million Chroma development in The Grove.

Chao Baan will open at 4089 Chouteau Ave. on Monday, June 17.

"My dad is from southern Thailand, closer to Malaysia, and my mom is from the Northeast, closer to Laos," Shayn Prapaisilp said. "My idea was to bring those two regional cuisines together under one concept."

Chao Baan, which roughly translates to "the people," will serve homestyle Thai flavors that aren't usually found in restaurants, officials said. The menu will still feature traditional dishes like pad Thai and tom yum, but the goal is to introduce brand new flavors.

Guests will see dishes like miang kham, a wrap similar to a lettuce wrap with dried shrimp, fresh shallots and fresh ginger served with tamarind-palm dipping sauce. Another traditional menu item is kaeng som, a spicy, fragrant fish soup with bamboo shoots. The new restaurant also will feature a full bar with wine, beer and cocktails.

Chao Baan will occupy 3,900 square feet of street-level retail space. The Koman Group and Green Street St. Louis are co-owners and co-developers on the \$52 million Chroma project.

Chroma sits adjacent to Prospect Yards, a half-mile section of Midtown that includes such mixed-use developments as City Foundry and the Armory, plus a \$25 million Element by Westin hotel.

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Residents started moving in earlier this year at Green Street and Koman Group's \$52 million Chroma development. The mixed-use building includes 235 units.