



Downtown Dallas is getting a new market: Italian shop CiboDivino

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CiboDivino, an Italian market, will likely be a talker when it opens in downtown Dallas. So here's how you say it: CHEE-boh dee-VEE-no. It means "divine food" in Italian.

Now you know.

The shop, expected to open the third week of August, sells house-made bread, Italian food, gourmet groceries and wine. It's essentially a bodega: a small market where people living or working nearby can pop in for ingredients for dinner or an already-made meal. An estimated 150 seats inside and outside the shop will offer a spot to eat pizza or pasta or drink wine or coffee. It has a 1,500-square-foot covered patio.

"We want it to be a social place," says CiboDivino co-owner Daniele Puleo, an Italian immigrant who moved to the U.S. 30 years ago. He operates the shop with his wife Christina Puleo. Their first CiboDivino is located in West Dallas, 3.5 miles away from the coming-soon shop in downtown Dallas.

Puleo says he decided to open a new CiboDivino "as soon as I realized I was getting bored" after opening the original shop, in 2015. That market has become a regular hangout for parents and kids in West Dallas and Oak Cliff.

He says downtown Dallas "has always been a big draw for me," in part because of the access to 9-to-5ers. The shop will be located in the ground floor of Bryan Tower, a 40-story building with offices for thousands of people. The Puleos hope to do more catering in downtown Dallas than they do in West Dallas, given the potential corporate clientele.

The food at the downtown Dallas shop will mostly be hot, prepared plates, and Puleo expects his Roman-style pizzas and house-made pastas to be the biggest sellers.

"This is basically the Italian idea of Autogrill," he says, speaking of a market that started in Italy and has expanded to more than 30 countries. "Everything is freshly prepared."

CiboDivino will open at 2011 Bryan St., Dallas, in Bryan Tower.