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FIRST RESTAURANT ANNOUNCED FOR VANCOUVER’S WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

‘Urban vibe’ restaurateur has signed a lease to open up its tenth location at Grant Street Pier, on Block 12

(Tualatin, Ore.) - Twigs Bistro and Martini Bar (http://twigsbistro.com/) has signed a lease with Columbia Waterfront LLC, as the first restaurant at Grant Street Pier at The Waterfront Vancouver, a significant announcement for the project to have a major restaurant signed. Since last November, when digging began on the new half-mile long waterfront park, The Waterfront along the Columbia River has become one of the largest mixed-use construction sites in the Pacific Northwest.

“Twigs, as a growing restaurant company, is the perfect first eatery tenant for this location, overlooking the Columbia River at Grant Street Pier,” said Gramor Development Inc.’s (http://gramor.com/development/waterfront-vancouver/) President Barry Cain. “This is a prime location for Twigs, which will overlook a cable-stay pier and open up to the bustling promenade and waterfront park, with expansive outdoor seating giving patrons a front row seat to the beautiful Columbia River. The structure will have a riverfront boathouse feel including modern lines and large sliding doors creating the perfect backdrop for Twigs to become a new favorite destination.”

Twigs will lease 8,320 square feet on the ground floor of Block 12, and will be one of a host of signature restaurants for Blocks 9 and 12. The Waterfront Vancouver’s Web site (http://www.thewaterfrontvancouverusa.com/) hosts updates.

Twigs Bistro and Martini Bar is headquartered in Spokane, where they have opened four locations as well as restaurants at Bridgeport Village in Tigard, Oregon; Kennewick and Union Gap in Washington; Meridian, Idaho and Farmington, Utah. The Waterfront Vancouver site will be the 10th location for the expanding company.

“This location absolutely embraces the waterfront success we’ve built our brand upon,” said Twigs Vice President Trevor Blackwell. “Traditionally, we have opened up our 9 locations near water and in ~continued~
retail developments and malls, so this spot at the Waterfront gives us the opportunity to branch out, and to seize a unique opportunity in an unparalleled urban and south-facing location. The proximity of this location is the combination of all the right factors.”

This announcement follows the recent news M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust (http://www.murdock-trust.org/) signed a Letter of Intent (http://gramor.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Press-Release-9-24-15.pdf) to occupy 18,000 square feet of the top two floors of The Waterfront’s first constructed office and retail building on Block 6, which will be at 305 Columbia Way.

In June, 2015, Gramor Development (http://www.gramor.com) filed the pre-application for two buildings each to occupy Blocks 9 and 12, which will host multiple restaurants. Construction on Block 12 will begin in Spring, 2016. Twigs’ Blackwell estimates that restaurant will open in the Summer of 2017.

“The momentum continues in the planning and urban modernization of downtown Vancouver,” said Cain. He added, “By next summer, we’ll have five buildings under construction, comprising two restaurant buildings on Blocks 9 and 12; and two residential structures and an office building on Block 6. And, the build out of the 10-acre park along the water will be in full swing as well, so there is a lot going on right now.”

In the Master Plan for the Waterfront Development, approximately 250,000 square feet will be dedicated to retail and mixed-use space, within the total at 5 million developable square feet. Columbia Waterfront LLC acquired the property in 2008 and soon created the master development plan. The plan won unanimous approval from the City of Vancouver in October, 2009.

Property infrastructure implementation such as underground utilities, sewers and electrical cabling has been completed. Street paving, streetlights, curbing, and overall surface readiness is also complete, with the extensions of Esther and Grant Streets. Columbia Way’s connection of Esther and Grant Streets is complete and opened in September, 2015. Design and development of the new waterfront park is now underway.

New and Neville acted as lease brokers for the Grant Street Pier restaurant. Property information can be found at http://www.newneville.com/properties/the-waterfront-vancouver or by calling (503) 241-1222 or Gramor Development at (503) 245-1976.

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