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Woodlands Market to Open First San Francisco Store

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Location will feature a pet shop

Woodlands Market will open its first location in San Francisco in late spring.

The independently owned grocery store is part of a new luxury condo development at Beale and Folsom Streets called Lumina. Woodland Market will occupy 10,000 square feet of space on the ground floor. The locally recognized grocer will provide organic, natural and sustainable products from local suppliers similar to the focus of its three Marin locations. The full-service market will also offer prepared foods, fresh-cut flowers, a coffee bar, fresh in-house juices and fresh bread daily.

"We are so excited to expand into San Francisco," said Don Santa, Woodlands Market's Founder/CEO and San Francisco native, "Lumina is an ideal community for us, and we can't think of a better location for our family to reconnect with our roots."

Owned and operated by the Santa family, Woodlands Market commitment to opening a San Francisco store symbolizes a return to the family's heritage. In 1910, shortly after the Santa family's ancestors arrived in San Francisco from Italy, they opened the Hyde Street Market that served the Nob Hill neighborhood for 63 years.

"My family moved to Marin in the 1960s and closed the Hyde Street Market in the 1970s," said Santa. "We started Woodlands Market in 1986, and I am proud that we have been open for business every day since we began operating. We are a locally owned independent store that strives to remain at the forefront of what's healthy, new and exciting in the industry while providing excellent customer service and care for our environment through sustainable practices."

A 'Paws-itive' Feature

A special feature at this location is the Woodlands Pet Shop that will occupy the 1,143 square foot retail space and will be stocked with high quality pet foods and accessories. Both the market and the pet shop will be open seven days a week.



"We are excited to offer the same level of quality and healthy products that we provide in our markets to the beloved pets living at Lumina and throughout the SoMa community," said Santa. "Lumina is an ideal location for our new pet shop with the growing addition of hundreds of new homes in the neighborhood."

Woodlands Pet Shop will provide necessities for discerning pet owners and their four-legged family members. "The addition of Woodlands Pet Shop will be an added amenity for residents moving into the community as well as those already living in the vicinity," added Carl Shannon, senior managing director for developer Tishman Speyer's Northern California region. "Anyone who owns a pet will understand that this is will add a much needed amenity for pet owners in the SoMa neighborhood."

With three locations, Woodlands Market has been recognized locally and nationally for being an industry innovator by focusing on organic, natural and sustainable products and sourcing from local suppliers.

The Santa family is committed to sustainable business practices and employs reduce, reuse and recycle policies throughout its stores. In 2005, Woodlands installed solar panels and became an early adopter in commercial energy awareness and conservation. The company's commitment to compost its trash helped set another industry standard in a store that produces most of the food it serves on site.