

Thai Orchid Relocating to Former Koplan's Annex

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The owners of Thai Orchid Restaurant have purchased the former Koplan's Home Furnishings building annex at 213 W 11th Street in downtown Vancouver and plan to move there next year.

Kat Saenguraiporn and her Husband, Noom Boonkunchieng, purchased the 4,800-square-foot building last week for \$750,000 from Ryan Hurley of Hurley Development. Hurley bought the property in December 2011 as part of the Gravitare Design purchase of the main furniture store.

According to Jim West of Coldwell Banker Commercial-Jenkins Associates, an expiring lease at Thai Orchid's current location (1004 Washington Street) provided an opportunity for the restaurant's owners to move into commercial property ownership.

Additionally, said Saenguraiporn, it was important to remain in downtown Vancouver.

"We have a good, established customer base here. Downtown Vancouver has proved for more than 10 years to be a great location for us," she said.

Vancouver-based LSW Architects is working with Thai Orchid on building improvements, which are expected to begin next month.

"It's going to be a totally new look for Thai Orchid including outdoor seating and a nice patio," said Saenguraiporn.

The restaurant will open in its new location in the early spring of 2013.

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