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Luxury movie theater and restaurant coming to St. Petersburg mall



Cobb Theaters said it's set to begin construction on the Cobb Luxury 10 movie theater and restaurant at Tyrone Square Mall in in 2015. TBO.COM FILE PHOTO



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St. Petersburg is getting its first movie theater with a full-service bar and restaurant.

Cobb Theaters announced today its plans to break ground on the Cobb Luxury 10 Theatre at Tyrone Square Mall in early 2015.

The theater will feature Cobbster's Kitchen, a "family friendly" restaurant serving made-to-order meals that can be taken into the auditoriums to eat during movies, a news release from Simon Property Group said.

The theater will feature stadium seating, electronically-controlled leather recliners with footrests and 1,200 seats spread over 10 auditoriums. One auditorium will be equipped with D-BOX seating — electronically enhanced chairs that create vibrations and movement synced to a movie's sound.

Cobb Theatres Chief Operating Officer Jeremy Welman said by email that the Cobbster's Kitchen is a new concept that was "influenced by the success" of Cobb's Cinebistro theaters, which offer full-service, in-theater dining. Cobb currently operates theaters at two locations in the Tampa Bay area, the Cinebistro at Hyde Park Village in Tampa, and the Grove 16 and CineBistro theaters in Wesley Chapel.

Customers at the new Tyone Square theater will be able to reserve their seats ahead of time online, the same way that it's done at Cinebistro locations.

Unlike Cinebistro, the Cobbster's Kitchen concept won't be restricted to ages 21-and-up and will be more family-focused, Welman said.

Customers will be able to eat at self-seating tables in the lobby, receive full service at their table in the bar lounge, or carry their meal with them into the movie.

The Cobb Luxury 10 Theatre will be located in the mall's northwest parking area along Tyrone Boulevard.

The theater is expected to open in 2016.

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