

## CocoWalk signs two tenants, including an artisan market



An artisan market and beauty supply shop have signed on to open in CocoWalk later this year.

The Coconut Grove shopping center is currently in the midst of redevelopment, and the project has slowly been unveiling tenants as they sign a lease for space in CocoWalk.

The latest tenants are Narbona Natural Foods & Farm Market, a specialty marketplace from Uruguay, and Bluemercury, a beauty store with just two locations in Miami-Dade County.

Narbona will take up 8,253 square feet in CocoWalk and is the only marketplace announced for the center. It will include a butcher shop, fresh pasta, bakery and deli with cheeses and meats.

This will be one of two Narbona locations to open in the U.S., said Michael Comras of Miami Beach-based Comras Company, which handles leasing for the project. As CocoWalk attempts to be a one-stop-shop for Coconut Grove residents, it was important to get a

marketplace of some sort open in the project, he said.

“We really felt that having a market in CocoWalk, that was more skewed towards a gourmet market and that was more unique, would be ideal for one of larger spaces in the heart of the plaza,” Comras told the *Business Journal*.

Bluemercury is a Washington D.C.-based cosmetics and beauty store with just over 175 U.S. locations. The chain has just seven open locations in South Florida.

Comras said Bluemercury also fits in with the shopping center's drive to be part of everyday life, and the center doesn't have any similar concepts slated to open.

The first phase of new store openings at CocoWalk are slated for sometime this summer, he said. These two concepts, however, likely won't open until later in the year.

Comras Co. co-owns CocoWalk along with Grass River Property and Federal Realty Investment Trust. They jointly purchased the property at 3015-3059 Grand Ave. in Miami in 2015 and announced plans to renovate the retail portion of CocoWalk in May 2017.

The refresh includes the addition of an office building that will total 85,762 square feet of office space plus a parking garage. Miami-based The Related Group **announced in October it will occupy** 40,000 square feet on the top two floors of a separate, nearby office building.

Narbona and Bluemercury join **previously announced tenants** like Mister O1 Extraordinary Pizza, Edward Beiner, The School of Rock and The Spot Barbershop.