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Retail Roundup: Laced and Glosslab expand to Florida



Laced opened at Palm Beach Outlets in West Palm Beach.

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Laced

The shoe and streetwear retailer opened at Palm Beach Outlets in West Palm Beach on Aug. 3. The 4,600-square-foot location is the company's first store outside of Massachusetts and seventh store overall.

Zero Empty Spaces

The South Florida-born company debuted another artistic studio space on Aug. 12. Zero Empty Spaces works with landlords to fill vacant retail space with studio space that artists can rent portions of. Zero Empty Spaces' newest location opened in just over 5,000 square feet at Gulfstream Park Village.

Glosslab

The membership-based nail salon will soon debut at CocoWalk in Miami's Coconut Grove

neighborhood. This will be the company's ninth location and first in South Florida. There are Glosslab salons in New York, Connecticut and Maryland. **Lyle Stern** and **Robin Weiner** of Koniver Stern represent Glosslab in its South Florida expansion.

Sunnyside

Cannabis dispensary Sunnyside will open in Fort Lauderdale on Aug. 16. The 2,500-square-foot store, at 1830 Cordova Road, will be one of only a handful of dispensaries in the city. It will features One Plant-branded products.

Levi's

The clothing brand known for its denim is set to open a store at Dadeland Mall in Miami in September. It will be the fourth Levi's outlet in Miami-Dade County, joining locations in Aventura, Florida City and Sweetwater.

Three restaurant groups announce growth plans

South Florida is among the hottest markets in the U.S. for restaurant growth over the past year, leading to expansion opportunities for both local and out-of-state restaurant groups. Here are some of the companies that recently announced moves in the region:

Vicky Bakery

The Hialeah-born bakery chain is using franchising to expand its network both locally and nationwide. **Lola Hernandez**, the 49-year-old company's director of new business, said there has even been some interest from franchisees abroad in the few weeks since Vicky Bakery launched franchising options.

She said the company plans to open five franchise restaurants annually over the next five years, for a total of 25 new locations. It is on track to meet that goal, as there are already signed franchise agreements for locations in "sought-after" areas in the Carolinas, Georgia and other parts of Florida.

The estimated investment to open a Vicky Bakery franchise location is between \$439,000 and \$722,000.

Ink Entertainment

Canada-based Ink Entertainment, which has been operating Byblos in Miami Beach for almost a decade, is doubling down on the region with five planned restaurants slated to open by mid-2022.

The company will debut three restaurants along Ocean Drive in Miami Beach by year-end. The three eateries will have 300 feet fronting Ocean Drive between Sixth Street and Seventh Street. The concepts will be a Mediterranean restaurant, an Italian restaurant and a raw bar.

Ink Entertainment CEO **Charles Khabouth** said the company will also open Amal in Miami's Coconut Grove. The restaurant, at 3480 Main Highway, will occupy about 10,000 square feet of indoor and

outdoor space.

Ink also has a yet-to-be named restaurant in Miami's Design District in the works, he said.

Parched Hospitality Group

New York-based Parched Hospitality, led by [Barry Dry](#), has two South Florida restaurants planned to open in early 2022.

Dry said the company is adapting its popular Hole in the Wall cafe concept as Isla Cafe in South Florida. The first location is expected to open at 1401 Clare Ave. in West Palm Beach in January. A Miami Beach location is slated to open in February.

Both locations will have about 2,600 square feet of indoor space.

City Furniture celebrates 50th anniversary

Tamarac-based City Furniture is celebrating 50 years this month. The family-owned company, which came from humble beginnings, operates 20 furniture store showrooms throughout Florida and 14 Ashley Homestore locations.

1971: City Furniture is founded under the name Waterbed City.

1976: Waterbed City introduces furniture to its lineup of waterbed mattresses.

1994: Ownership converts Waterbed City to City Furniture.

2004: City Furniture opens its first Ashley Homestore showroom as the brand's Southeast and Southwest Florida licensee.

2008: The company expands to Florida's west coast.

2019: City Furniture expands to Central Florida.