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## Another concept is joining SA's roster of fast-casual restaurants

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The food scene in San Antonio has become increasingly diverse, but if there is one consistent trend, it's that diners want high-quality food – and fast.

A stream of new restaurants have targeted the city's thriving fast-casual business, and the latest to join is Frisco, CO-based The Lost Cajun. The chain will open its first area location in Northwest San Antonio, a submarket supported by some of the strongest educational, medical, commercial and corporate demographics in the city. The location is set to open this spring.



It will be the third location in Texas, and will kick off plans for an additional eight to 10 restaurants in the area over the next few years.

Immigration attorney [Eric Bernal](#) and his business partner, Manual Monterrey, will hold the San Antonio-area franchise. Other local names involved in the opening include design firm Villa Park Architecture — which has been working on the \$287,000 location for the past few months, according to information filed with the state — and [GFR Development Services](#), which developed and now leases the property at 5602 West Hausman Road.

The property itself is a two-story, mixed use center with retail on the ground floor and office above. The Lost Cajun's 3,500-square-foot lease is currently the only retail agreement GFR has secured for the first-floor space. Another 3,500-square-foot portion is still available.

The Lost Cajun — which will offer jambalaya, beignets and multiple types of gumbo — will join a running list of tenants such as Zoe's Kitchen, [Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc.](#) (NYSE: CMG), Five Guys and Slim Chickens that have expanded alongside fast casuals' increasing popularity.

Their growth has also been a backbone for San Antonio's strengthening retail market, which is beginning to see an uptick in new construction and redevelopment.