

Daily Grind makes deal at Sutton Place

■ A 3000-square-foot space at Market and William will be the chain's first Wichita location.

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Daily Grind, a Virginia-based franchise coffee house and restaurant, has leased 3,000 square feet on the first floor of Sutton Place, at Market and William, from Real Development.

The company fits Real Development's profile for "lifestyle businesses" in its office buildings. A grand opening date remains up in the air.

"There's just something really great about not having to get in your car and leave the office to get food or drink," said Michael Elzufon, one of Real Development's partners.

"It's exactly what we're looking to bring to downtown — the services that downtown has been missing in its core for the businesses and the people who congregate there."

Daily Grind chief executive Ed Chapman was unavailable for comment Wednesday.

Menu items include bakery goods, breakfast and lunch, along with drip coffee, espressos, coffee coolers, smoothies and barista specialties.

Founded in 1995 in Winchester, Va., the company is an outgrowth of Chapman's years in Seattle, where he fell in love with the coffee industry.

Daily Grind began franchising locations in 2000. The chain now has 76 stores, according to its Web site. Wichita is listed under "coming soon."

Its franchises are heavily concentrated on the Eastern seaboard and West Coast, with Wichita and some Texas properties included in the "move West," Elzufon said.

According to the company's Web site, an initial investment of between \$160,700 and \$353,000 is required for a franchise.

The lease leaves about 700 square feet on the first floor for other clients.

The remainder of the building will be sold to office clients by floor, in what Elzufon calls an "owner in common" deal.

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