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Uchi to launch second, way more accessible location

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Anyone who's ever shown up to **Uchi** without a reservation knows that, even at 6 p.m. on a Tuesday night, you're in for an exceptionally long wait before you get your first bite of sashimi. The South Lamar hotspot continues to be *the* destination for sushi aficionados, thanks to its well-earned reputation for innovative food, Michael "Available To Design Kids' Birthday Parties" Hsu interior, and attentive service, but the one thing it *doesn't* have is a lot of ample seating—and no, the teeny tabletops paired with ludicrously high, emasculating chairs running down the center of the room don't really count. If you've neglected to book ahead, you're easily looking at an hour wait on average, by which time you'll likely have ruined your appetite with one too many cocktails. (And nothing's worse than downing a bunch of expensive sushi, then losing it all in a booze-induced purging; just ask a certain *Friday Night Lights* starlet who shall remain nameless, except among staff who told us *allll* about it.)

But those of you who still don't know how to use OpenTable are in luck: Owner and executive chef Tyson Cole announced plans today to open Uchiko (which the press release claims loosely translates as "child of Uchi"), a spin-off that will have the same great menu, Michael "Seriously, If You Need Me To Take A Look At Your Closets Or Something, Here's My Card" Hsu interior design, and everything else you've come to expect from Uchi, but with the addition of extra tables and—addressing another hassle of the original—ample parking. Uchiko will occupy part of the former Seton Hospital Office Building at 4200 N. Lamar, and will feature both a reservation-only room and a dining room for walk-in customers, which Cole believes help alleviate some of the wait times and spread the demand around. Look for the new location in spring or early summer of 2010—which is, coincidentally, about when your table at the original Uchi should be ready.

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