

Uchi owners to open second unit

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AUSTIN Texas Owners of the popular Uchi restaurant here said they plan to open a second Japanese-inspired unit in 2010. The restaurant will be named Uchiko, which loosely translates as “child of Uchi.”

“After six years of service in south Austin, Uchi is ready to grow,” said owner and executive chef Tyson Cole. “I’ve spent the past few years diligently working to make Uchi what it is today. Our dedicated staff and loyal clientele have made the decision to open another space an easy one.”

Uchiko will be divided into two separate rooms in the former Seton Hospital Office Building. The first is a dining room for walk-in customers, and the second room will be for reservation-only seating. Both spaces will offer the same full Uchi menu and bar seating will be available in both rooms.

Cole has tapped designer Michael Hsu, who helped create the original Uchi, to design Uchiko.

Daryl Kunik, an Uchi business partner, said, “We have had long wait times at Uchi since we opened in 2003. The timing was right to open a new location that allows us to serve more customers and meet the demand for reservations.”

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