



White Management hires 3t to design 6,000 s/f green restaurant

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Creo', the new 6,000 s/f restaurant being designed to replace Mangia in Stuyvesant Plaza will have a "green" roof and floors made from cork and others made from 100% recycled rubber, according to owners White Management and progressive Downtown Albany architectural firm 3tarchitects. Mark Burgasser said that the restaurant received full approvals from Guilderland planning and zoning officials.

Creo' is Latin for "to create." 3tstudios, 3tarchitects' sister company that focuses on the marketing and branding side of projects, worked with the owner to create the name for their new endeavor. Creo' is being designed to meet USGBC's LEED gold standards. The staff at 3t working on the project are LEED certified designers, including principal Scott Townsend. In addition to having an organic grass rooftop, the interior of the new restaurant will radiant heating systems and mechanical units featuring heat recovery systems, energy efficient lighting as well as tabletops made from compressed 100% recycled paper.

3t principal and founder Scott Townsend has a history on the site and worked previously with White Management to convert a former Howard Johnson's into what became Mangia. Townsend also worked with White on the Bountiful Bread store in Stuyvesant Plaza.

The project team is hopeful that demolition and construction could begin as early as June of this year.

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