



Dillard's, Westin, open their doors at the Domain

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A new Dillard's Inc. department store and the Westin Austin Hotel had their grand openings at the Domain on Thursday, and more openings are coming at the North Austin development.

With a soft opening Feb. 25, Dillard's at the Domain became the chain's first new Austin-area store since its Bee Cave location opened in 2007.

The 340-room Westin is the chain's first Austin-area property.

Both are part of a 600,000-square-foot expansion of Simon Property Group Inc.'s mixed-use project on Braker Lane east of MoPac Boulevard (Loop 1), which includes retail, apartments, offices and an upscale movie theater.

Dillard's is planning promotional events through the weekend at the store. The Austin store and one that opened near Allen in North Texas on Wednesday are the only new stores the Little Rock, Ark.-based company plans to open this year.

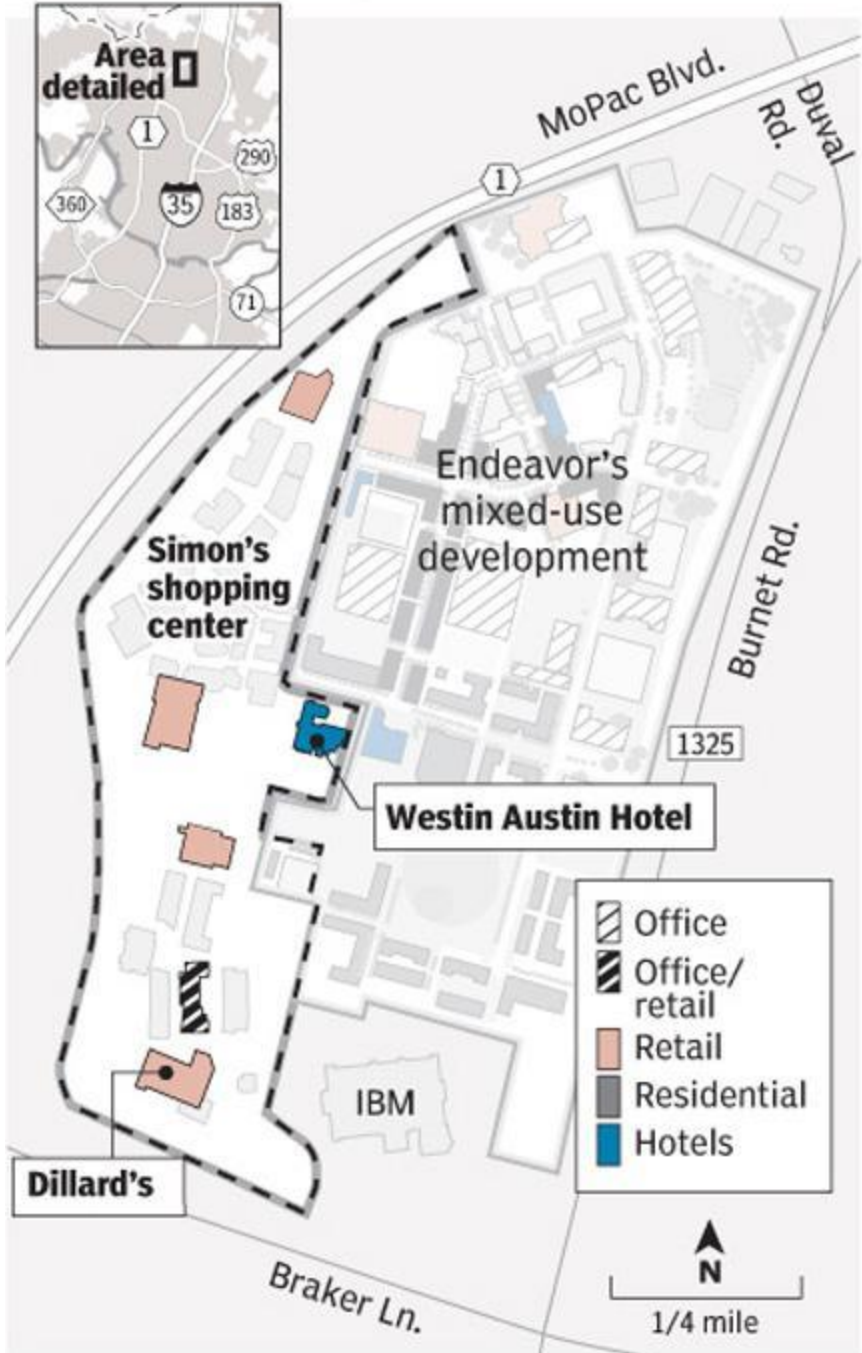
Nearby, Gold Class Cinemas will open its movie theater at the Domain on April 23, with features such as reserved seating, valet parking and in-theater food and beverage service. The theater will be the fourth in the U.S. for Village Road Show, an Australian company that plans to open a theater near Dallas this year.

Hanger Orthopedic Group Inc. plans to move its headquarters from Bethesda, Md., into an office building at the Domain later this year. The expansion also includes a Dick's Sporting Goods store, more apartments and office space.

The Domain opened in 2007 and includes Neiman Marcus, Macy's and smaller retailers, restaurants and apartments above some stores. A 140-room Aloft Hotel opened recently.

Courtesy of JB Goodwin

Domain development



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