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University Properties welcomes local chef Prasad Chirnomula's Oaxaca Kitchen to New Haven.

New Haven, Conn - Yale University Properties welcomes **Oaxaca Kitchen** to 228 College Street in the Chapel Historic District.

Oaxaca Kitchen will add something new to New Haven's amazing palette of food offerings: the exquisite flavors and colors of true gourmet Mexican food. Oaxaca is being launched in New Haven by our own award-winning chef Prasad Chirnomula. A 20-year resident of New Haven and Fairfield counties, Chef Chirnomula's innovative and imaginative food has earned him ecstatic reviews by local patrons and food columnists.

"New Haven is the capital of Connecticut for the finest chefs and restaurants," says Chirnomula. "In keeping with New Haven's fine dining tradition, Oaxaca Kitchen will feature one of a kind gourmet Mexican cuisine by combining 70% authentic Mexican recipes, 20% chef expertise, and 10% modern presentation."

Over the past year Chef Chirnomula has extensively traveled to the town of Oaxaca, Mexico to study local chef techniques and recipes. Oaxaca Kitchen will serve authentic gourmet Mexican dishes including Mixteco Mole, Fire Grilled Seafood Salad, Mole Verde, Mixteco Chipotle Pork Tenderloin, and Prawns Al Mezcal.

"We are delighted to work with Mr. Chirnomula, a renowned chef with award winning restaurants all along the Connecticut Shore," says Abigail Rider, Director of University Properties. "Oaxaca Kitchen marks his third restaurant in downtown New Haven and his second with University Properties – first being Thali Too on Broadway. It's always gratifying to see a locally owned University Properties tenant grow and prosper as Chef Chirnomula has done."

Yale University is an active partner in creating a vital downtown and promoting New Haven's economic development through its community investment program, and as a result is the largest payer of real estate taxes in New Haven.

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