

One of the Valley's most successful and well-loved restaurateurs has a new concept on its way: The Yard. The Yard is considered to be Sam Fox's most ambitious project yet. (Though he really needs no introduction, Fox is behind True Food Kitchen, Modern Steak, Sauce, Blanco Tacos + Tequila and more favorite Valley restaurants.) The Yard is an urban 53,000-sq.-ft. urban center that opens Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. in Phoenix (on 7th Street just south of Montebello) at an old Ducati and Kawasaki garage and dealership. Culinary Dropout with be the first restaurant to open within the urban center; Little Cleo's Seafood Legend, a new seafood and oyster bar concept, is scheduled to open in mid-March. Other merchants are planned to debut at The Yard, too. The Yard will also be home to a 1,400-sq.-ft. turf where guests can enjoy lawn games.