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## **Former Citiplace restaurant building sold to Lafayette hotel developer**

A Lafayette hotel developer has purchased an empty Citiplace restaurant building for \$1.6 million.

Corporate Hotels LLC, managed by Jay Patel, purchased the building at 2562 Citiplace Court in a deal that was filed Friday with the East Baton Rouge Clerk of Court's office. The seller was Home Bank of Lafayette.

Patel said earlier this year he plans to demolish the building, which is visible from Interstate 10, and replace it with a 119-room Tru by Hilton hotel. Several restaurants have occupied the building, most recently it was Derek Chang's Koto.

A building permit said the hotel will be four stories and take up nearly 51,000 square feet.

The hotel should open in mid-2018. The property will feature a swimming pool, fitness club and offer continental breakfast.

Rooms in the hotel will rent for between \$90 to \$110 a night, Patel said. The Tru brand should do well in Baton Rouge because of the city's size and its role as a state capital, Patel said.