

Foxtail Coffee hits milestone with new UCF-area café

A 3-year-old Winter Park-born coffeehouse opened its newest location near the University of Central Florida on Feb. 18, making it the concept's 10th Central Florida shop.

Foxtail Coffee debuted a 3,000-square-foot cafe with indoor seating and a drive-thru window in the space of a former Burger King fast-food restaurant at 12001 Collegiate Way, near the intersection of University Boulevard and Alafaya Trail. The menu features locally roasted coffee, hand-crafted beverages and food options, including selections from local partners, said a news release.



Additionally, this is the second cafe for Foxtail connected to the college campus, as it opened last August in the UCF Bookstore operated by Barnes & Noble College.

"Since we opened our first shop in Winter Park in 2016, we've been growing where we see outstanding community opportunities," Foxtail Coffee co-founder Alex Tchekmeian said in a prepared statement. "The response to our UCF Bookstore location has been overwhelming, and when this location came up, we knew we wanted the chance to serve even more people in the area."

The fast-growing chain is dedicated to responsibly sourcing its coffee, which remains locally roasted. Despite it's still being somewhat of a startup, it has gained a cult following in Central Florida, and is creating jobs throughout the region with its café locations.

Along with its original Winter Park café and the two UCF locations, Foxtail Coffee currently has seven other cafes and mini-cafes throughout Central Florida:

- Inside DoveCote restaurant in downtown Orlando, which opened in mid-2017
- It signed a three-year deal as the "official coffee partner" of the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in February 2018.
- Foxtail's Farmhouse that opened in March 2018 next to the original cafe
- Near the intersection of state roads 434 and 436 in Altamonte Springs, which opened in April 2018
- Foxtail Express: Lee Road in north Orlando near Winter Park, which opened in July 2018
- In the Hourglass District on Curry Ford Road, which opened in August 2018
- A 1,500-square-foot mini-cafe "collaboration" inside the Tommy Hilfiger outlet store at the Orlando Vineland Premium Outlets shopping center near Walt Disney World, where it also serves light bites. That opened in November 2018.

The chain also has plans for other locations around Central Florida this year, including the Exchange at Savannah Park in Lake Mary; in Lake Nona's estimated \$30 million Pixon tower; at 3405 Edgewater Drive in College Park, a space that previously housed Hubby Bubbly Middle Eastern restaurant; and possibly in the 200 S. Orange Ave. building in downtown's central business district.