



H MART’S FIRST BRANCH IN DOWNSTATE ILLINOIS – CITY OF URBANA

International market and latest global culinary destination to join the property

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H Mart, America’s number one Asian supermarket is proceeding with its plan to open sometime between 2024 and 2025 in downtown Urbana at 220 N. Broadway. An “H Mart Coming Soon” banner was placed at the former 35,000 square feet Save-A-Lot building last summer. This will be the New Jersey-based H Mart’s first store in downstate Illinois and will feature a large selection of multi-cultural grocery products, a sit-down food court, beer and wine, home goods, and many other items.

According to Andrea Ruedi, Senior Advisor for Integrated Strategy Development at the City of Urbana, the H Mart project team has submitted their building permit documents to the City of Urbana. Simultaneously, H Mart is actively accelerating the general contractor bidding process by adopting pre-bidding strategy and organizing early site visits, all intended to streamline the preparatory phase for a smoother and more efficient build.

Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin sees the new H Mart as a catalyst for downtown Urbana, “We’re delighted that plans are progressing for H Mart in downtown Urbana. Residents will be able to shop for a wide variety of Asian and Western groceries and other essential items and enjoy the innovative food hall. H Mart is known for giving back to local communities and supporting non-profit organizations and youth programs. And the fact that the company is renovating a former supermarket in the heart of our downtown will help revitalize our community.”

Brian Kwon, President of H Mart says, “We enrich lives with our Asian heritage, food and culture. Carrying over from H Mart’s previous successes in East Coast area, H Mart Urbana will be newest food lover destination. H Mart will become a place to experience the best of what communities have to offer, providing a convenient ‘One-Stop Shopping’ place for diverse cultures and to the neighborhood, where different ethnicities of friends and neighbors can come, gather and enjoy. Our main priority is always to serve and satisfy the needs of the surrounding communities.”

In addition to grocery shopping, customers will be able to grab a bite to eat from its mega food court called “Market Eatery”. The store’s food court will feature authentic and fusion Asian cuisines, bringing a new dimension to the one-stop shopping experience. H Mart has meticulously created some popular food and cuisine destinations in the past. Likewise, H Mart Urbana will focus on developing, managing, and marketing its environment to enhance the surrounding community, making every shop a vibrant and successful place to keep on the leading edge of trends.

ABOUT H MART

‘H Mart Today and Tomorrow’

H Mart is the largest international supermarket chain in America, originally renowned as the pioneer of Asian food in America. Starting in 1982 with its first store opening in Woodside, Queens, H Mart has grown to include more than 97 stores across the United States. As America’s premier food destination, H Mart offers a full upscale line of Asian foods as well as a broad range of everyday essential groceries to complement its full scale offering to that of a traditional supermarket.

H Mart is recognized as one of the fastest growing retailers in the National Retail Federation’s HOT 100 RETAILERS (#13 H Mart). Supermarket News has listed H Mart as one of the Top 50 Small Chains and Independents in the United States & Canada.

‘H Mart Commitment’

H Mart takes corporate social responsibility seriously by giving back to the communities. H Mart has a long-standing commitment to supporting non-profit organizations and supports major and minor organizations throughout the country with continuing efforts to reach out to local communities.

‘H Mart’s Food Court – Market Eatery’

H Mart’s Food Court is a series of Asian inspired food halls curated with local, national and international chefs, food concepts. Its mission is to build a unique destination for food, fun for everyone.



Fresh Produce & Quality Exotic Fruits



Barbeque Meat-Marinated 'Ready to cook' Meat



Everyday Essential Grocery Needs



Fresh, Live, Seafood, Lobster, Sashimi and More



Variety of Houseware -Private Labeled Brand



Market Eatery Food Court: Delicious International Food

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