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Bowling Alley Chain Bowlero Signs Lease for Boca Raton Space

The former Strikes bowling alley in Boca Raton will soon become a Bowlero, the largest bowling alley chain in the U.S. with nearly 300 locations.

The New York-based company's newest venue will open in 2021 at 21046 Commercial Trail in Boca Raton. This Bowlero will occupy 62,000 square feet and include an arcade and food and beverage service. The space is located just east of Town Center at Boca Raton, which is South Florida's third-largest mall with 1.6 million square feet of leasable space.

Roxanne Register and Jon Cashion of Katz & Associates, which has an office in Boca Raton, represented the landlord. Jeff Evans and Michael Silverman of The Comras Company, headquartered in Miami Beach, represented the tenant.

Register and Cashion said the 62,000-square-foot lease is the largest space they've negotiated in Palm Beach County this year.

"We're excited to help bring Bowlero to Boca [Raton] because of the high-end entertainment factor and the sport of bowling," they said. "Bowlero will bring hometown leagues together and will attract national bowling events, which will bring economic benefits to our lovely city."

There are eight Bowlero alleys in Florida, including ones in Jupiter, Tamarac, Davie, Dania Beach and Miami.

A statement from Katz & Associates said only that the Bowlero opening is slated for 2021, but did not clarify what quarter of next year it plans to open.

Labeled as nonessential businesses, leisure venues like bowling alleys were not allowed to reopen until phase two of Florida's Covid-19 reopening plan. Bowlero's Boca Raton signing represents one of the largest leisure venue lease signings since the onset of the pandemic in Florida in mid-March.

Round One Entertainment, which includes bowling and other amenities, is slated to replace the Sears in Pembroke Lakes Mall in Pembroke Pines. The venue is expected to open in late 2021 and will occupy more than 100,000 square feet.