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# Owners of EatUnique Cafe in Oakland opt to sell breakfast and lunch restaurant after 26-year run

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The interior of EatUnique Cafe on Craig Street in Oakland, a breakfast-and-lunch standby in the neighborhood since 1997.

The restaurant scene in Oakland faces the potential for more change as a quick serve operation that has achieved more than 25 years of history on Craig Street goes up for sale.

Ross-based Specialty Group announced that it has started marketing EatUnique for sale, listing the business at 303 South Craig St. as available in the listing but not the real estate for the restaurant that totals about 2,000 square feet after some expansions since it first debuted in 1997.

The owners are Dave and Lisa Brown, who Specialty Group principal Terri Sokoloff indicated in a press announcement have opted to sell in order "to move on to the next chapter in their lives."

While EatUnique initially opened as a coffee shop, the Browns expanded the business to offer a variety of homemade soups, sandwiches, salads and bakery items, early on introducing vegan and gluten-free items for diners with special dietary needs in a location that's focal to the various college and graduate students of Oakland.

Sokoloff added of the business to potential buyers: "It is set up for casual, quick-service dining and enjoys a strong catering component with a well-established, long-standing, catering relationship with both adjacent universities. This truly is the perfect fit for an operator/chef with a similar concept in mind."

It's the latest long-established restaurant that looks to change over in Oakland in recent years, following others that include Mad Mex, Fuel and Fuddle and the Original Hot Dog Shop.

EatUnique is expected to remain open while Specialty Group markets the business for sale as well as through the transition to a new owner.




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