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"We have some good interest from some national companies we haven't signed up yet, including a restaurant," said Mr. Lake, whose company is one of the largest land lords in the Trinity Industrial District.

The project, which is called International on Turtle Creek, will have a central landscaped courtyard surrounded by parking.

"It was built in 1952 and has been vacant for a couple of years," Mr. Lake said. "It's significant in that this is the first project of this type on that side of Irving Boulevard for this particular use — designer showrooms and high-end furniture vendors."

The building is just west of the Design District, a collection of design showrooms between Stemmons Freeway and Industrial Boulevard.

Mr. Lake said the first tenants will move in during July or August.

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