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San Francisco 'entertainment compound' coming to Denver

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A San Francisco-based entrepreneur is bringing his idea to Denver, opening the second location of Zen Compound, a facility that combines co-working space, a coffee shop, an art gallery and a nightclub.

Paul Hemming, CEO and founder of Zen Compound, will open in a 20,000-square-foot space at 1136 N. Broadway in three stages, with the first stage, the nightclub, to open this fall. The entire facility is expected to be up and running by the beginning of 2018.

Hemming opened his first nightclub in San Francisco's popular SOMA (South of Market) district 10 years ago. The club offers a "thumping, futuristic vibe," and Denver's will be similar, but with more VIP services, according to the company.

"We see Denver as a sister city to San Francisco in many ways," said Hemming. "The Mile High City is a major metropolitan hub and has an eclectic confluence of technology, music, art, entertainment and nightlife."

"It's an exploding market with refined tastes, an entrepreneurial spirit and drive," he added. "Denver has a highly affluent market with appreciation for creativity and attention to detail."

Denver's Zen Compound will include the following entities:

- Eco-systm (spelled with the "e"), a co-working space
- Mirus, a gallery focused on contemporary art
- Hive, a coffee and cocktail bar

- Temple Nightclub

Construction is already underway, and the new business is expected to create 100 jobs, 80 of which will be in the nightclub.

“We’ve worked hard over the past 10 years to evolve and perfect our concept — and now we’re ready to expand,” Hemming said. “Denver is the perfect location for our second Zen Compound.

"It mirrors San Francisco with a lot of new start-ups, tons of millennials, an active nightlife scene and great energy," he said. "We found the perfect space and were able to assemble a great team and it all came together.”

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