



Coffee TAB Brings Espresso, Mentorship, and Opportunity to Seattle's Central Area

(Seattle, WA) July 2026 — [Vulcan Real Estate](#) announces that [Coffee TAB](#), a nonprofit coffee shop and workforce development program, is opening this summer at 23rd & Jackson in Seattle's Central Area. The new café will serve as a neighborhood gathering space and a classroom where young adults build skills that reach well beyond the espresso bar. The location will activate the northeast corner storefront at 23rd & Jackson, owned by Vulcan Real Estate.

Founded in 2022 by Johnathan Tran, Coffee TAB trains young adults facing barriers to employment through a hands-on barista apprenticeship and mentorship program, equipping them with tools for long-term success. "Learning to make a great cup of coffee takes patience, consistency, attention to detail, and a willingness to keep improving," says Tran. "The hope is that our apprentices begin to see that the same principles apply outside the café." The 8–12-week program provides real-world experience in customer service, workplace communication, professional responsibility, and, of course, crafting exceptional beverages. "Success is not measured by whether someone can pour a beautiful latte; success is when they walk away with the confidence to apply for any coffee job knowing they have the skills to succeed."

With locations in Belltown and Pioneer Square, Coffee TAB's third café will advance its mission to create places where people gather, foster relationships, and experience a sense of belonging. Guided by the belief that people and places are worth investing in, the new shop will create jobs, expand opportunities for students, and offer a community gathering space. When customers choose Coffee TAB, they are doing more than buying coffee—they are investing in the future of a young person and helping build a stronger, more connected Seattle community.

"When a business chooses to invest in this corner and in our young people at the same time, the whole neighborhood feels it," said Seattle City Council President Joy Hollingsworth. "Coffee TAB is bringing opportunity, connection, and energy to the heart of the Central Area, and I'm proud to see it take root here."

Coffee TAB opens this summer at 23rd & Jackson. Follow [@coffeetab_seattle](#) on Instagram for updates on the grand opening event and to stay connected with the neighborhood.



About Vulcan Real Estate

Through strategic acquisitions and innovative development, Seattle-based Vulcan Real Estate develops and manages a diversified portfolio of high-performing quality assets, including office, life sciences, residential and mixed-use projects.

The company's integrated team of real estate professionals offers a full range of development and portfolio management services from site selection and urban planning to build-to-suit construction, leasing, financing, and asset repositioning. Its real estate model is based on quality, sustainable development that builds new value across the entire community.

Since 2000, Vulcan Real Estate has invested \$6.5 billion developing 52 projects comprising 10.3 million square feet of commercial space and 4,250 residential units. Sixty percent of the development projects are located in South Lake Union, renowned as one of the largest urban redevelopment projects in the country. The company has 5.4 million square feet under management.

About Coffee TAB

Coffee TAB is a nonprofit coffee shop and workforce development program based in downtown Seattle. We exist to encourage others to live a higher quality of life through a higher quality cup of coffee. What makes us unique is that every cup we serve helps create opportunities for underserved young people through our hands-on barista apprenticeship and mentorship program. Our mission goes beyond coffee. We provide practical job training, professional development, and supportive mentorship to young adults facing barriers to employment, including those experiencing housing instability, involvement in the foster care system, or other challenging life circumstances. Through an 8–12 week apprenticeship program, participants gain real-world experience in customer service, coffee preparation, workplace communication, and professional responsibility.

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