

Whole Foods to open Dallas flagship store

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Whole Foods Market Inc. plans to build a giant, flagship grocery store at the corner of Greenville Avenue and Park Lane, the Austin-based company confirmed Thursday.

The 80,000-square foot location will open in early 2007, spokesman Scott Simons said.

Dallas' large, gourmet-loving population makes it a good candidate for a store far bigger than the 50,000-square foot area of most new Whole Foods locations, Mr. Simons said. He said he wasn't sure of the store's exact location at the intersection.

The company plans to keep operating a separate location on Lower Greenville Avenue, Mr. Simons said.

Whole Foods has plans for rapid growth. The company hopes to have 300 stores open around the world by 2010, up from 179 today.

On Wednesday, the company's stock was added to Standard & Poor's benchmark 500 index. Its shares are up about 64 percent this year.

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