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New operators for Wasabi, Kanpai and Stone Bowl as founder opens Beloit restaurant

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Three Milwaukee restaurants have new operators, while the restaurateur who founded them has opened a new place in Beloit.

Brian Park opened [Wasabi Sushi Lounge](#) in Brookfield in 2009, [Kanpai](#) in the Third Ward in 2012 and [Stone Bowl Grill Korean](#)

restaurant on the east side in late 2013.

Last month, he sold Kanpai, 408 E. Chicago St., to Jong-soo Kim. Last year, Park sold Wasabi, 15455 W. Blue Mound Road, to Jay Han.

Park retains part ownership of Stone Bowl, 1958 N. Farwell Ave., but added his father-in-law, Y.B. Kim, as a managing partner, Park said. "He's been a chef a long time but never had his own restaurant," Park said.

Park said he made the changes because he opened a restaurant in Beloit, [Zen Sushi](#), and the commute of more than an hour between Milwaukee and Beloit proved to be too much.

Zen is in downtown Beloit in the Phoenix Building, owned by Hendricks Commercial Properties. Park said he was approached to open a restaurant in the building by the real estate development company, which is affiliated with Diane Hendricks, a customer of his for 10 years.

Journal Sentinel file photo of Kanpai

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