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The Fish Guys headquarters is moving out of Minneapolis

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St. Louis Park will soon be home to **The Fish Guys**, the wholesale seafood supplier currently based in Minneapolis' North Loop neighborhood.

The company said it will move its headquarters to a 36,000-square-foot facility that was once part of [the former Nestle Corp. factory complex](#) now owned by **Hillcrest Development**. The Fish Guys will lease the space from Hillcrest for 15 years, but did not disclose other terms of the deal or the project's total cost.

The move was necessary due to double-digit growth for the last eight years, CEO [Mike Higgins](#) said.

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"We're pretty squeezed in. There isn't a lot of room to redevelop or add on," he said. "About 12 months ago it became obvious and we would have to do something if we wanted to handle our fish in the same way."

The company is presently at 301 Royalston Ave., where it processes its fish. The company also uses a freezer facility on the border of Fridley and Minneapolis.

The move will put their freezing and processing operations and under the same roof. The new HQ will also have a test kitchen for research and development, a first for the company.

"We're really excited about it. We're always looking for the next great seafood product and with this we can get it in, take a look at it, break it down, cook it and taste it" before offering it to customers, Higgins said. "I've seen [test kitchens] at other high-end, gold-standard seafood suppliers and I always thought it would be cool to have one."

Additional capacity will let the company double its sales and quadruple its seafood processing, Higgins said.

The Fish Guys will move by the first quarter of 2015. Welsh Construction of Minnetonka has been hired to renovate the company's new space.

The company will retain its current building in the North Loop. Higgins said The Fish Guys might use it to experiment with ideas that fall outside its core business, but wouldn't say more.

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