

Bakersfield will be getting FAT

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Los Angeles-based fast food company Fatburger is getting bigger, adding stores in Southern California plus one in Bakersfield in the Central Valley. It will be its first foray into the Valley.

FAT is an acronym that the company says means "fresh," "authentic" and "tasty."

FAT Brands Inc. (NADAQ: FAT), parent company of Fatburger and Buffalo's Express, says the expansion will see the

development of 12 new co-branded Fatburger and Buffalo's Express restaurants The expansion is to include a Fatburger and Buffalo's Express restaurant in a new casino being developed by the Quinault Indian Nation.

The Southern California locations will span across Orange County, Simi Valley, Rialto, Glendora, Colton, and Eastvale. The locations are slated to open within the next year. Specific sites for the stores were not announced, with the exception of the casino-based outlet.

The two brands offer menus of classic fare including made-toorder burgers, milkshakes and fries at Fatburger and customizable, boneless and bone-in chicken wings and fresh salads at Buffalo's Express.

"We are excited to expand our existing presence on the West Coast with these upcoming locations," says Andy Wiederhorn, CEO of FAT Brands.

The company currently owns six restaurant brands Fatburger, Buffalo's Cafe, Buffalo's Express, Hurricane Grill & Wings, and Ponderosa and Bonanza Steakhouses, that have over 300 locations open and more than 300 under development in 32 countries.