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Aspen Properties president CEO Scott Hutcheson says the new Sky 360 restaurant, which will offer revolving views of the city from the top of the Calgary Tower, will be another reason to visit the city landmark.

Tower restaurant does a 360

Revolving eatery
home to new
dining concept

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A Calgary icon will have a new addition by July.

The top of the Calgary Tower will be the home of a new restaurant concept, called Sky 360, said **Aspen Properties Ltd.**, which owns the tower block, and **Concorde Entertainment Group**, which will operate the dining establishment.

"It's another amenity and another reason to go to the top of the city as a tourist or for a special event to have a vista of that nature in a revolving room," said Scott Hutcheson, Aspen president and CEO.

In late 2007, the high-end **Ruth's Chris Steak House** opened near the base of the tower.

The tower officially opened June 30, 1968.

Hutcheson said Aspen Properties will also be "investing a fair amount of time and energy into refreshing" the tower's observation deck and there are

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plans at the lounge level for an "exciting addition of entertainment amenities."

"We are also building Palliser South, a new (office) tower on the south end of the block," said Hutcheson.

With booming development in the nearby Beltline neighbourhood, **En-Cana's** 58-storey Bow Tower being constructed just a few blocks down the street, and development plans for the East Village, it's given Aspen Properties "an opportunity to create a whole new feeling to that block, which is the goal in both adding a tower, adding upscale food restaurateurs and increasing the quality of the experience in the tower and in the surrounding block," said Hutcheson.

The new restaurant, with a revolving view of the city, will be open for lunch and dinner and the menu is described as "regional Canadian cuisine prepared with a contemporary feel."

The restaurant will also be capable of hosting private functions, special events, group dinners and receptions.

Concorde has 10 establishments in the city, including Flames Central, The Whiskey and Mercury Lounge.

"This is a very exciting project for us," said Concorde president Victor Choy, who runs the company with his brother Jim. "The Calgary Tower has defined the city's skyline since its opening in 1968, and the Concorde Group is proud to now be a part of such a landmark property. It's truly one of a kind."

The restaurant is currently under renovation and its "new modern design along with a new menu" are its main features besides the "amazing view," added Choy.

Concorde's Choy is a "best-in-class operator" and will "vastly improve the design, the experience and the food offering" for the tower restaurant, said Kevin McCann, associate broker with **Barclay Street Real Estate Ltd.**, who has worked on a number of restaurant deals in the downtown including Sky 360.

"It's a design that respects the tower and, however, brings it a more contemporary, new look for Calgarians and tourists to appreciate."