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Accounting Firm To Be Arbor Gate Tenant

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Wipfli CPAs and Consultants, 2901 W. Beltline, will be a major tenant at Arbor Gate when the \$55 million office and retail project is completed next year.

The accounting firm will occupy 40,000 square feet in the office complex being developed by Mortenson Investment Group and Westwind Associates south of the Beltline and east of Todd Drive.

The 215,000-square-foot Arbor Gate project will include two six-story office and retail towers on six acres. Based in Wausau, Wipfli is a large accounting and business consulting firm with 750 employees and 15 offices in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The firm, which has 110 local employees occupying about 28,000 square feet of office space, came to Madison more than four years ago, merging with the Williams Young accounting firm.

Jim Butler, Wipfli's partner in charge of the Madison region, said the new space on the fourth and fifth floors of Arbor Gate's east tower will allow for the firm's growth to about 150 employees.

"I don't see that (growth) stopping in the foreseeable future," he said, adding that Wipfli eventually could expand to another floor at Arbor Gate.

The firm is affiliated with Moore Stevens International Limited, a worldwide organization of more than 330 independent accounting and consulting firms.