## III TUSCALOOSA THREAD



Alabama Head Football Coach Nick Saban and his philanthropist wife Terry Saban are among a group of partners helping to finance a new boutique hotel nearing completion in the heart of downtown Tuscaloosa.

The Alamite, named after the Crimson Tide's live elephant mascot from decades past, is tentatively set to open on 6th Street across from FIVE Tuscaloosa in July of this year.

The hotel is part of Mariott's premium Tribute Portfolio line of hotels, and a spokesperson for Terry Saban confirmed the first couple of Alabama football are investors in the property.

"Regarding The Alamite, I can confirm to you that the Sabans are partners, along with a handful of other local families," the representative said. "The interior design of the hotel is being handled by Avenue Interior Design out of Los Angeles and the hotel will be managed and operated by Expotel Hospitality."