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A partial Latin square  $\Pi$  of order  $n^2$  is said to have a *Sudoku structure* if it has the property that for each  $i, j = 1, \ldots, n$ , each of the symbols  $1, 2, \ldots, n^2$  occurs at most once in the subsquare defined by the rows  $(i-1)n+1, \ldots, i\cdot n$  and columns  $(j-1)n+1, \ldots, j\cdot n$  of  $\Pi$ . This paper will present some results on extending partial Latin squares with the Sudoku structure. (Received September 26, 2006)