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## Oak + Violet to open in Menlo Park hotel

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Oak + Violet, the restaurant inside Menlo Park's new Park James Hotel, will open for dinner on Monday, Oct. 8.

The 61-room boutique hotel officially opened at 1400 El Camino Real two weeks ago.

A press release describes Oak + Violet as serving "California craft" cuisine, with locally sourced, seasonal dishes like Dungeness crab toast and a whole-roasted Petaluma chicken. Executive Chef Mike Gadd, who comes with 15 years of cooking experience in Columbus, Ohio, is overseeing the hotel's culinary program.



Diners can enjoy small bites, wine, beer and cocktails in a courtyard outside Oak + Violet at the Park James Hotel in Menlo Park. Photo courtesy Park James Hotel.

Oak + Violet's dinner menu is split into "shared bites," "grains and greens," entrees, sides and desserts. Appetizers include bread served with salt-cured local yogurt, huckleberry jam and olive oil, mini lobster tacos, steak tartare and oysters. For entrees, there's a stuffed