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# Silicon Valley's New Luxury Hotel Restaurant Oak + Violet Opens Monday

Eat off of green marble or under an oak tree

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With Menlo Park's new Park James Hotel comes **Oak + Violet**, the luxury hotel's main restaurant helmed by executive chef Mike Gadd. It opens for dinner Monday, October 8.

The restaurant features lots of natural wood and a Connemara marble dining bar, where folks can order off-menu daily specials. (The "James" in the hotel name and the green marble are both nods to Menlo Park's Irish history.) The main menu, meanwhile, shows a simple focus on Californian cuisine with local ingredients. It starts off with small shared bites — Dungeness crab toasts with spicy aioli, mini lobster tacos with avocado creme, steak tartare with pickled vegetables and a poached egg — before moving onto traditional entrees, including toasted farro risotto with butternut squash and hazelnuts; a whole branzino stuffed with roasted fennel, artichokes, olives, and peppers; and steak finished with bone marrow butter.

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