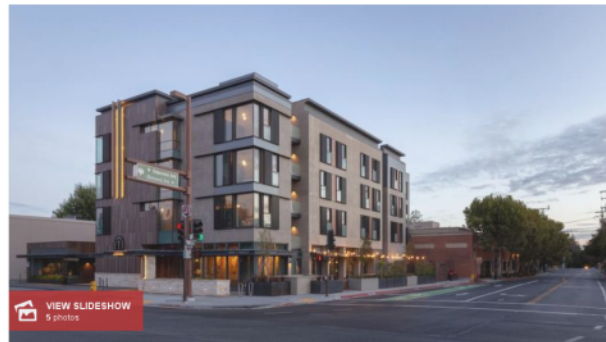


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Boutique hotel opens in Menlo Park, a stone's throw from Facebook HQ

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A former Shell gas station on El Camino has been transformed into the Park James Hotel, a 61-room boutique property. The hotel is just a stone's throw from Sand Hill Road in one direction and Facebook's headquarters in the other.

The hotel, and its restaurant, Oak + Violet, opened a few weeks ago at 1400 El Camino Real to serve business travelers during the week who are often frantically searching for a room as San Mateo County hotels quickly fill up. On weekends, the hotel, which is a five-minute walk from downtown, is serving visitors to Stanford University and other leisure guests.

The hotel opens as developers rush to cater to the growth from Facebook in the area, which has more than 10,000 employees down the road. The Hotel

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