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## BAY AREA



A beet and orange salad at Menlo Park's Madera, where about 12 to 14 new menu items debut each month.

### LUNCHBOX

## Madera

Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park has long been something of a dining wasteland for the venture capitalists and others who populate the offices along the road.

That changed this year with the opening of Madera restaurant in the new Rosewood Sand Hill hotel at the corner of Highway 280 and Sand Hill Road. Serving American cuisine rooted in fresh local produce, Madera and its wood-burning kitchen have become a gathering place for local professionals.

Venture capitalist Marc Andreessen calls Madera a "hot spot," while Trinity Ventures venture capitalist Patricia Nakache says she often goes for the food and the

restaurant's convenient location.

Rosewood Sand Hill general manager Michael Casey says Madera has begun changing its menu frequently to keep customers interested. About 12 to 14 items debut each month to keep the menu "vibrant," he says.

One recent lunch menu featured sandwiches such as grilled Arctic char on brioche with cured tomatoes; entrees included pan-roasted sand dab fish and a duck-leg confit. Main courses started at \$18.

Madera, located at 2825 Sand Hill Road, is open for lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. —Pui-Wing Tam

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