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## New independent-owned hotel in downtown **Durham sets July opening date**

The local owners of Durham's newest independent hotel, The Durham Hotel, are wrapping up construction and redevelopment of the former five-story office building with plans to start taking room reservations July 10.

The Durham Hotel, located at 315 E. Chapel Hill St., will be opening with 53 hotel rooms in office spaces where the Home Savings Bank and Mutual Community Savings Bank once operated between Rigsbee Avenue and Foster Street in downtown Durham.

As of Tuesday, the hotel has not yet listed its room rates online.

## Locally acclaimed

bank office building.

chef Andrea Reusing, owner of Lantern in Chapel HIll and winner of a James Beard Award, will be opening a new restaurant concept and rooftop bar in The Durham. Reusing is seeking applicants for line cooks, servers, hosts, baristas, bartenders and others for the new restaurant, but she hasn't yet disclosed the name of the new restaurant.

The hotel will also have meeting spaces available for groups up to 50 people, plus a 24-hour fitness studio, bicycle rentals and rooftop yoga.

The hotel is being designed by Commune Design of Los Angeles. Weaver Cooke is the general

contractor. Local and regional vendors and partners in the project include Counter Culture Coffee, Raleigh Denim, Burt's Bees and Merge Records. The Durham Hotel is the second new independentowned, boutique hotel to open in downtown Durham in 2015. The 21C Museum

Hotel opened in March at 111 Corncoran St. in another downtown Durham former



The Durham, a boutique hotel located in a former Mutual Community Savings Bank building... more