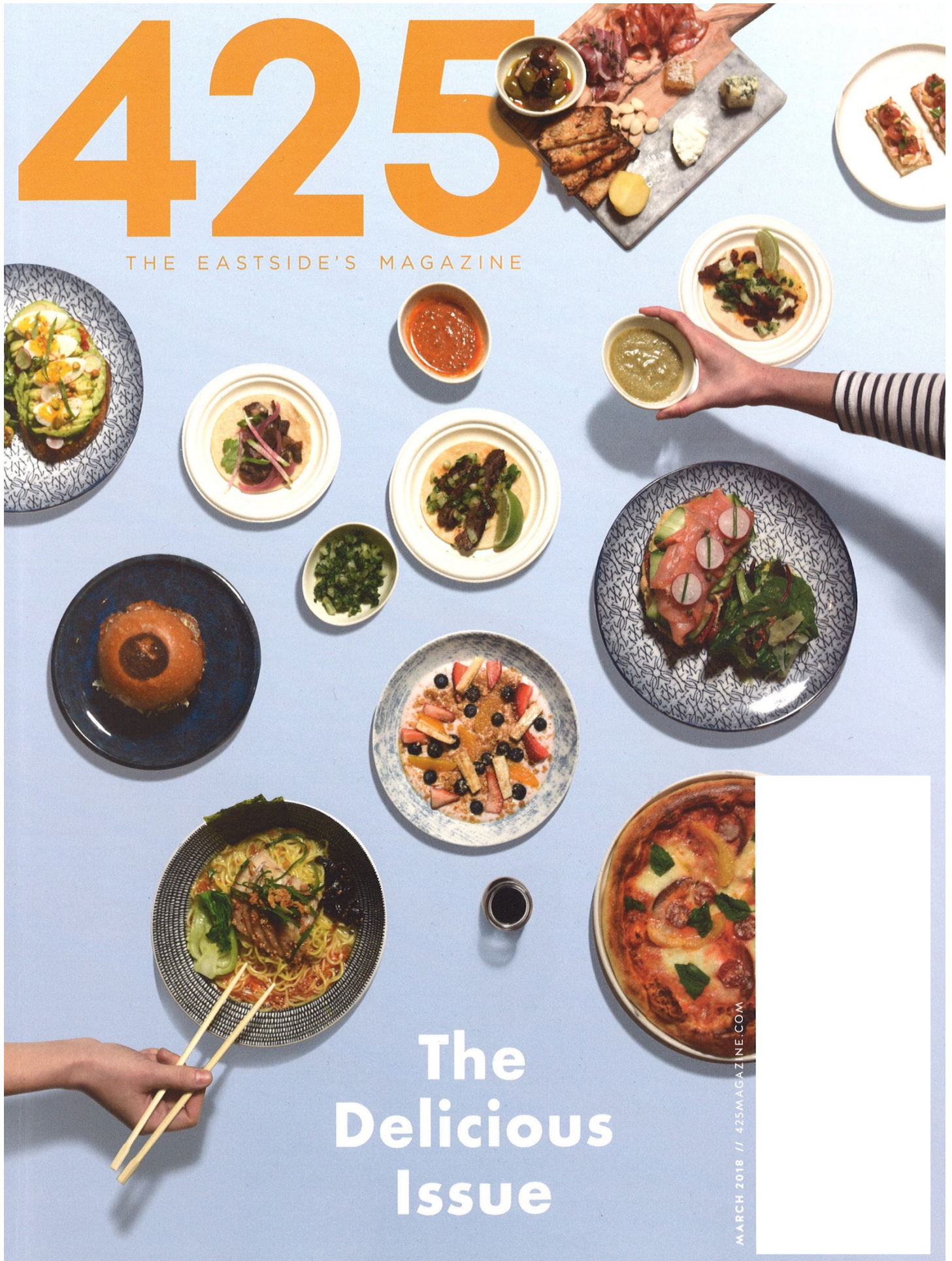


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Kirkland Hotel Gets New Look

Eastsiders looking for a staycation or a venue to host out-of-town guests might be surprised to learn that The Heathman Hotel has a brand-new look.

The popular downtown Kirkland hotel recently completed a multi-million dollar renovation of its 91 guest rooms and suites.

“We’ve seen tremendous growth in and around Kirkland — new shopping, dining, and recreation within walking distance — and we’re excited to establish The Heathman as the top boutique hotel in the heart of this vibrant waterfront neighborhood,” said John Oppenheimer, CEO of Columbia Hospitality, which manages The Heathman Hotel. “We’re thrilled to unveil a new look and feel at The Heathman that allows us to continue offering exceptional guest experiences.”

The renovation, which was conceptualized by Seattle-based firm Interior Design International Inc., celebrates Kirkland and its rich history. For example, the addition of natural woven textiles pays homage to Kirkland’s woolen mill, the first in the state, which brought early economic success to the city during the Klondike Gold Rush and World War I. Additionally, the renovation also features a Pacific Northwest theme throughout. From the scenic waters of the Puget Sound to picturesque mountain vistas, each floor showcases a specific theme reminiscent of the region.

The subdued earth tones of the hotel’s previous aesthetic have given way to a lighter design with dynamic pops of rusty



oranges, touches of bright yellows, and accents of cool blues. Combine these design elements with the hotel’s updated media hub, high-speed Wi-Fi, and warming gas fireplaces, for the perfect respite.

The Heathman’s spa services is no longer a fixture on the property, however The Heathman has converted that space into a vast array of conference and party spaces. General Manager Jim Larson said the hotel’s proximity to corporate campuses like Microsoft and nearby Google was the primary driver behind the decision.

The new meeting spaces are ideal for events as varied as wedding rehearsal

dinners and corporate conferences, with numerous breakout rooms for the latter.

Also occupying the former spa territory is the hotel’s gym, which is open 24 hours.

Under the guidance of Le Cordon Bleu trained chef Benjamin Closson, the culinary team at Trellis crafts sumptuous dishes around fresh, seasonal ingredients.

You’ve got to experience Closson’s personal favorite dessert, the decadent Peanut Butter Chocolate Bar topped with peanut butter caramel ice cream and fresh raspberries.

Trellis is open to the public for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, or stop in for happy hour. heathmankirkland.com

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